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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1963, the active membership totaled 395,812 in 8,476 chapters of 49 States and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agricultural courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Thirty-Sixth National Convention was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-11, 1963. The restricted attendance of members at the convention was well received. Final count showed over 10,300 FFA members registered from all State associations.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worth while.

WM. PAUL GRAY,
National Executive Secretary

1962-63 NATIONAL OFFICERS

Left to right: Larry Whittington, Jerry Diefenderfer, Vern France, Kenny McMillan, Duane Leach and Richard Mottolo.



The FFA At 35

The Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri. Thirty-three official delegates representing 18 States were present. Leslie Applegate of New Jersey was elected National President, Dr. C. H. Lane of Washington, D. C. became the first National Advisor, and Mr. Henry Groseclose of Virginia, the first National Executive Secretary. Ten members received the American Farmer Degree. Annual national membership dues were set at 10 cents per member per year and have since remained the same.



A. W. TENNEY
National Advisor

FFA song in 1931. Mr. J. A. Linke became National FFA Advisor in 1933.

About 6,000 members, advisors and friends registered for the 10th National Convention, held in the new Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. A pageant featured ten years of progress and growth by 100,000 members representing 4,000 chapters in 49 chartered State Associations. The National Constitution was revised for the third time to permit the nomination of American Farmers on a basis of one boy per 1,000 members or major fraction thereof.

In 1939 the organization purchased 28½ acres of land which was part of George Washington's estate and established the National FFA Camp. Two years later, Dr. W. T. Spanton became the National Advisor of 245,830 members from 7,542 chapters. In 1944, the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was founded. The 1946 Victory Convention celebrated the end of World War II, and featured a memorial program honoring FFA members who served in the Armed Forces.

Highlights of the year 1947 were the organization of the National FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. Henry S. Brunner, establishment of the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Official FFA Calendar. A year later, the National FFA Chorus

was organized but was discontinued in 1959. In 1948 National FFA Week was established and the annual National FFA Officers' Good-Will Tour was started to visit donors to the FFA Foundation, and to promote a better understanding between agriculture, business and industry, farm organizations and the public.

The Educational Exchange Program between the FFA and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain was initiated in 1948 and continued until 1957. Rhode Island became the 50th State Association in 1949. A year later the National Congress passed Public Law 740, which granted the FFA a Federal Charter. The delegates at the 1952 convention adopted the Official Code of Ethics and gave final approval for the establishment of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. In 1953, a special postage stamp was issued by the U. S. Post Office Department to commemorate the founding of the FFA. A spectacular pageant at the Silver Anniversary Convention featured the many accomplishments of the FFA. The highlight of this convention was an address by Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.

A special resolution, adopted at the 1955 convention, pledged the FFA to help develop better understanding between nations. Since then, educational programs and assistance given to friendly nations has resulted in organizing Future Farmers in Japan, Philippine Islands, Thailand, Taiwan, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Mexico. Cooperative work with the Peace Corps began this fall, with an FFA/NFA project in West Pakistan.

Former President Harry S. Truman addressed the 1957 convention. In 1959, a four-day National Citizenship and Patriotism Conference for State officers was held in Washington, D. C. Many outstanding Government leaders, including President Eisenhower spoke to the group. The dedication of the new FFA headquarters building on the land formerly used as a National FFA Camp was a fitting climax to the conference.

FFA Day at the American Royal as a part of the national convention began in 1960. A year later a special convention program honored Dr. W. T. Spanton upon his retirement as National Advisor.

Dr. A. W. Tenney, who served as National Executive Secretary from 1943 to 1957, became National Advisor in 1961.

The FFA in 1963 has a membership of 395,812 in 8,372 chapters. The members continue to serve effectively on the local, State, national and international levels.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Alabama.....	John Varner Route 3, Wetumpka	Mickey Humphries Route 1, Notasulga
Arizona.....	Larry Lemke Route 3, Box 44, Yuma	Collis Brown Route 1, Box 16, Goodyear
Arkansas.....	Gary Keathley Mt. Vernon	Butch Boyd Route 2, Manila
California.....	Flint Freeman Box 721, Holtville	Dan Chatman 15886 Road 29, Madera
Colorado.....	Don Olsen Route 1, Box 82, Yuma	Russell George Route 1, Box 84D, Rifle
Connecticut.....	Glenn Cox RFD 1, Norwich	Wesley Hair RFD, North Windham
Delaware.....	Ronald Robbins R. D. 3, Milford	Carroll Davis Bunker Hill Road Middletown
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Georgia.....	John Parks Route 3, Jefferson	Robert Page Route 1, Hoboken
Hawaii.....	Larry Carvalho Star Route 1797-P Kaneohe, Oahu	Creighton Nobui Box 256 Lanai City, Lanai
Idaho.....	Stephen Dobson Horseshoe Bend	Randall Byers Route 2, Meridian
Illinois.....	Gary Ludwig Route 1, Danville	Kent Slater Augusta
Indiana.....	William Millar 25489 Edison Road South Bend	Max Swackhamer Route 5 Frankfort
Iowa.....	Neil H. Stadman R. R. 2, Sac City	Ralph Plagman, Jr. RFD, Aurelia
Kansas.....	Joseph Detrixhe RR 1, Ames	Robert Dobson Route 1, Manhattan
Kentucky.....	Charles Miller Route 1, Nicholasville	Jimmie Claycomb Stephensport
Louisiana.....	David Kelone RFD, Route 2, Box 302 Marksville	Jimmy Hoppe Route 1, Box 148 Iowa
Maine.....	Milton E. Smith RFD 2, Box 200 Presque Isle	Gary R. Fox North Wade Road Washburn
Maryland.....	R. Curtis Day Damascus	Brooks Hamilton, Jr. Route 2, Box 269, Oakland
Massachusetts.....	Donald Cooper 161 Butler Road, Quincy	Lawrence Rotti 270 Forthill Avenue Pittsfield
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Minnesota.....	Roger Hardy Route 2, Sacred Heart	Curtis Hage Halstad
Mississippi.....	Harold Aycock Hickory	O. A. Cleveland, Jr. 305 North Street, Lexington
Missouri.....	Ron Franklin RR 1, Hamilton	Mike Mowrer P. O. Box 28, Unionville

Montana.....	Dave Phillips Box 86, Ashland	Alan Folda RR 3, Lewistown
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Nevada.....	Nelson Carter Lund	Paul Lewis Overton
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New York.....	James Sattler Boonville	Bruce Anderson Falconer
North Carolina.....	James Faucette Route 2, Grimesland	Edwin Lineberry Route 1, Staley
North Dakota.....	Daniel Lerfeld Route 2, Buxton	Benhart Varnson Mapes
Ohio.....	Jim Stitzlein Route 4, Ashland	Bob Kraner Route 1, Pickerington
Oklahoma.....	Stephen Armbruster Burlington	Ladd Hudgins Clinton
Oregon.....	Pat Neal Route 1, Box 48, Central Point	Russ Bowman Route 2, Box 108, LaGrande
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South Dakota.....	Myron Sonne Letcher	Terry McCarl RR 5, Box 79, Miller
Tennessee.....	Ronnie Fielder Dickson	Larry Vick Camden
Texas.....	Benny Mays Route 1, Brashear	Donnie Doan Route 3, Box 98, Raymondville
Utah.....	Nick Scholzen Hurricane	Milt Diamond Springville
Vermont.....	William Scott, Jr. RFD 4, Vergennes	Steven Torrey RFD 1, Vergennes
Virginia.....	Lowell L. Koontz Route 1, Box 98, Elkton	David S. Geiman, Jr. Route 1, Waynesboro
Washington.....	Karl Salzsieder Route 1, Box 502, Winlock	Rich Burns Route 2, Box 1, Pomeroy
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Wyoming.....	Jerry Michel Worland	Fred Emerich 3911 Hynds Blvd., Cheyenne

CONVENTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

(Unless otherwise stated, all activities held in the Municipal Auditorium,
Kansas City, Missouri)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. Registration for Official Delegates, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President

12:00 noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President

1:00 p.m. Tours to Points of Interest

1:30 p.m. Nominating Committee and Officer Candidate Meeting, Junior Ballroom, Hotel President
Regional Public Speaking Contests
Pacific Region—American Hereford Building Auditorium,
Central Region—Music Hall, Municipal Auditorium
Delegates' Committee Work
Audition for FFA Talent

2:00 p.m. Meeting of State Advisors, Hotel President

7:00 p.m. Meeting of Courtesy Corps

8:00 p.m. Vespers Program

9:00 p.m. Practice for American Farmer Degree Ceremony, Star Farmer Program, National Chapter Awards Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

OPENING SESSION

*Presiding: Kenny McMillan
National President*

9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band, R. Cedric Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, conducting
Invocation—Victor Butler, National FFA President, 1961-62
Posting of Colors
National Anthem—Soloist: Gaylord Converse, Iowa Association
Report of Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Minutes of 35th National Convention—Vern France
Appointment of Constitutional Committees—Auditing, Nominating, and Program of Work
Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—A. W. Tenney, National Advisor
“Practicing The FFA Code of Ethics”
Nick Scholzen, Utah Association
Report of Retiring President
Address—Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
Greetings—National President, New Farmers of America
National Treasurer's Report—J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, Richmond, Virginia
The National Future Farmer Magazine—Wilson Carnes, Editor
Future Farmers Supply Service—E. J. Hawkins, Manager
The Official FFA Calendar—Howard Carter, Associate Editor
Report of Retiring Vice President—Jerry Diefenderfer
National FFA Annual Report—Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary

Address—Honorable Donald N. McDowell, Wisconsin State Director of Agriculture
Closing Ceremony

SECOND SESSION

*Presiding: Jerry Diefenderfer
National Vice President, Pacific Region*

2:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band
Report of Retiring Vice President—Larry Whittington
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Awarding of Service Plaques—H. R. Damish, H. E. Edwards
Address—Honorable John H. Reed, Governor of Maine
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Closing Ceremony

THIRD SESSION

*Presiding: Kenny McMillan
National President*

7:30 p.m. National FFA Talent Revue
8:15 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Introduce Past National FFA Officers
National FFA Public Speaking Contest
Explanation of Contest—Vern France
Introduction of Past Public Speaking Winners
Drawing for Speaking Order
Introduction of Judges
Judges: Bruce Davies, Farm Service Director, Station KFAB, Omaha, Nebraska, and 1963 President, National Association of Television and Radio Farm Directors
Milo J. Peterson, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
Samuel W. White, Jr. President, Oliver Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
Timekeepers: William C. Burk, Manager, Public Relations Department, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System, Chicago, Illinois
James A. Wickizer, Vice President, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Detroit, Michigan
Music—National FFA Band
Presentation of Gold Emblem Awards in National Chapter Awards Program
Presentation of National Public Speaking Awards
Closing Ceremony

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

FOURTH SESSION

*Presiding: Larry Whittington
National Vice President, Southern Region*

9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Address of Retiring Student Secretary—Vern France
New Business
Proposed Amendment to National FFA Constitution

Presentation of Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards in National Chapter Awards Program
Remarks and Introduction of Special Guests—A. W. Tenney, National Advisor
Greetings—Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education
“Deca—What It Is and What It Does”—Mary Ann Beyer, National Vice President, Central Region
“The Role of the Future Homemakers in the School Program”—Diana Leonard, National President
Address—Herschel Newsom, Master, The National Grange
“The Meaning of Our National Heritage”—Kent Slater, Illinois Association
Pageant—“Patriotism and the FFA”
Closing Ceremony

FIFTH SESSION

*Presiding: Duane Leach
National Vice President, Central Region*

2:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band
Address of Retiring Vice President—Dick Mottolo
Presentation of Distinguished Service Plaques
Presentation of Farm Proficiency Awards
New Business
Closing Ceremony
4:30 p.m. Reception for Donors to FFA Foundation—Hotel Muehlebach

SIXTH SESSION

*Presiding: Kenny McMillan
National President*

7:30 p.m. Concert—National FFA Band
8:10 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band
Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
Introduction of Platform Guests
Recognition of 15-Year Donors to National FFA Foundation, Inc.
Greetings—J. W. Keener, President, B. F. Goodrich Company
Introduction of 1964 Chairman of Sponsoring Committee
Introduction of 1963 Star American Farmers
Movie—“The 1963 Star Farmers,” Courtesy of Keystone Steel and Wire Company
Massing of State Flags
Presentation of Regional Star Farmer Awards
Introduction of Parents and Teachers of Star Farmers
Introduction of Star Farmer Judges
Announcement—1963 Star Farmer of America
Recessional
Closing Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

SEVENTH SESSION

*Presiding: Dick Mottolo
National Vice President, North Atlantic Region*

9:00 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music
Address of Retiring Vice President—Duane Leach
Committee Reports
Introduction of Foreign Guests
“Developing International Good Will Through the People-to-
People Program”—Dave Phillips, Montana Association
Presentation of Budget for 1963-64—Wm. Paul Gray, National
Executive Secretary
Annual Dues for 1963-64
New Business
Music—National FFA Band
Address—Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary, U. S. De-
partment of Agriculture
Report of Nominating Committee
Election of New Officers
Closing Ceremony

11:00 a.m. FFA Day at the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show
6:30 p.m. FFA Talent Show Program

CLOSING SESSION

*Presiding: Kenny McMillan
National President*

7:15 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY
Music—National FFA Band
Unfinished Business
Address—Kenny McMillan, National President
Honor Parents of 1962-63 National FFA Officers
Presentation of Service Plaques to Outgoing National Officers—
A. W. Tenney, National Advisor
Installation of New Officers
Presentation of Past Officer Pins
Presentation of Gavel to Past President
Greetings from New National President
Closing Ceremony by new National FFA Officers
Special Entertainment—Courtesy of Firestone Tire and Rubber
Company

NATIONAL JUDGING CONTESTS

8:00 a.m., Oct. 9 Meats Judging Contest—Swift Packing Plant
12:00 noon, Oct. 9 Poultry Judging Contest—Municipal Auditorium Annex
7:30 a.m., Oct. 10 Livestock Judging Contest—American Royal Arena
7:30 a.m., Oct. 11 Breakfast for Judging teams and Announcement of
Results—Courtesy, American Royal Association

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30 a.m. American Royal Parade, National FFA Officers, Star Farmer of
America, and National FFA Band Participating

Minutes of the Convention

Wednesday, October 9, 1963

Morning Session

The thirty-sixth national convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at nine o'clock. National President Kenny McMillan of Bushnell, Illinois, presiding.

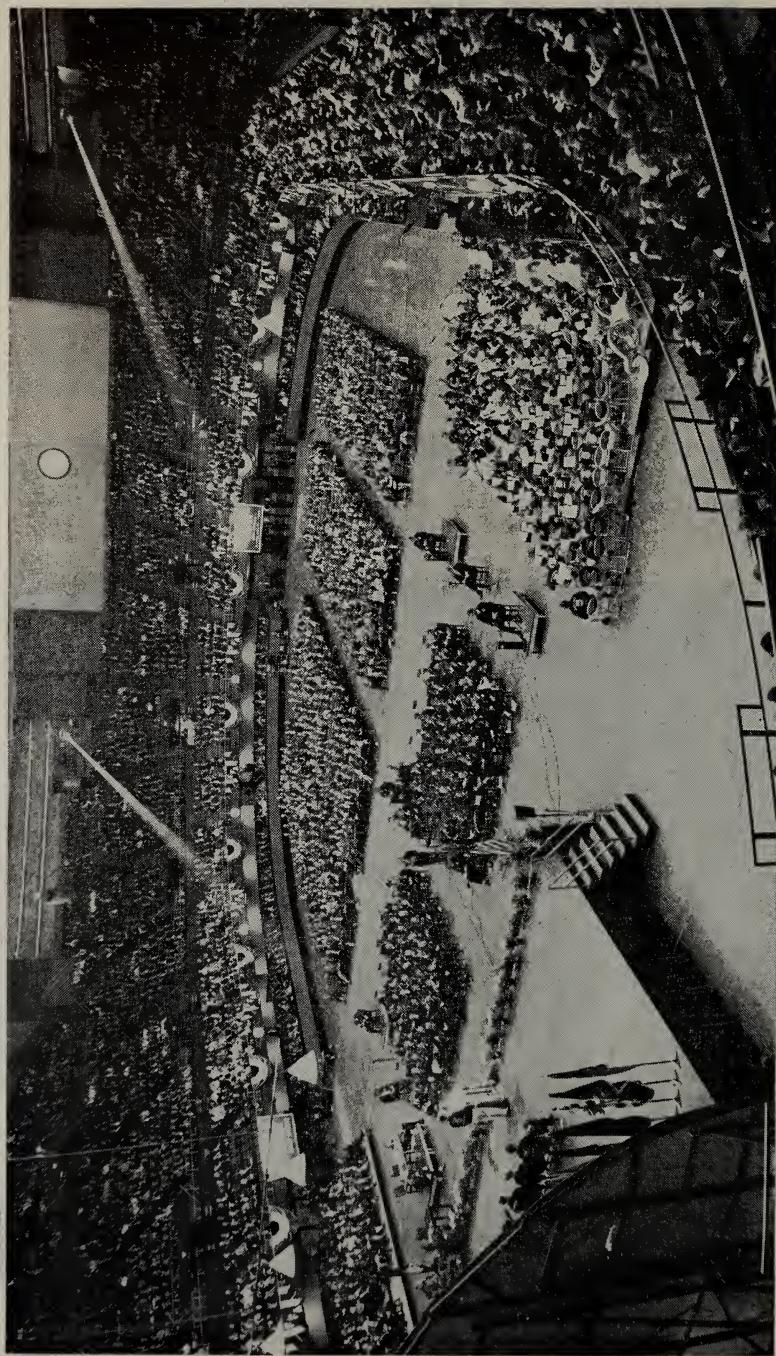
The invocation was pronounced by Victor Butler, National President, 1961-62.

The Posting of the Colors was performed. Gaylord Converse of Iowa sang the National Anthem, accompanied on the organ by Charles McIntosh, Jr. of Florida. Music was then presented by the National FFA Band.

The Report on Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary France reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call of States and seating of delegates followed.



Posting of the Colors and singing of the National Anthem



The National Convention is the culmination point for many activities that are begun on the local level. It is a time when regional and national awards are presented to boys for outstanding achievements in farming and leadership. Inspirational speakers, pageantry, leadership demonstrations and entertainment features round out the program to provide inspiration for FFA members in their work in vocational agriculture.

The minutes of the 35th national convention were read by Student Secretary France and approved in their entirety.

President McMillan announced the appointment of the constitutional committees.

Advisor Tenney presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Honorary American Farmers

Melvin W. Cooper, Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, State Board of Vocational and Adult Education, Madison, Wisc.
Herbert R. Damisch, Chief, Agricultural Education, State Board of Vocational Education, Springfield, Illinois (Posthumously)
H. E. Edwards, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board of Education, Charleston, West Virginia
M. C. Gaar, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
Melvin H. Goeldner, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Des Moines, Iowa
J. W. Keener, President, B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio
Paul Kidd, Manager, Jewelry Department, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
K. W. Kiltz, Agricultural Education Department, Education Building, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana (Retired)
John W. Laceey, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, Topeka, Kansas
J. Brown Morton, District Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, State Board for Vocational Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma (Voted in 1962 but was unable to attend the convention.)
C. H. Oliver, Chairman, Graduate Studies Committee, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts
Harry E. Peirce, Sr., Staples, Minnesota
Milo J. Peterson, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, College of Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
D. R. Purkey, Assistant Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, State Department of Education, Columbus, Ohio
Wenroy Smith, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
Keith McMillan, Bushnell, Illinois
Earl L. France, Gooding, Idaho
Gerald R. Diefenderfer, San Luis Obispo, California
J. W. Leach, Winnebago, Minnesota
Anthony J. Mottolo, Andover, Massachusetts
K. C. Whittington, Angier, North Carolina
Owen Disney, Portales, New Mexico
Clifford Elwell, Warsaw, New York
Roy Amundson, Valley City, North Dakota
Ronald Ford, Helena, Oklahoma
Milburn Brewster, Booneville High School, Booneville, Arkansas
Alfred Wm. Hansen, Chowchilla, Union High School, Chowchilla, California
Emile J. LaSalle, Hanford High School, Hanford, California
Norman Walker, Tulare Union High School, Tulare, California
William B. Kent, Jr., Newark Senior High School, Newark, Delaware
P. T. Dicks, Chiefland High School, Chiefland, Florida
H. G. Peele, Tift County High School, Tifton, Georgia
W. C. Brokaw, Geneseo Senior High School, Geneseo, Illinois
Louis Templeton, Pickneyville Community High School, Pickneyville, Illinois

Byron K. Callahan, Pennville High School, Pennville, Indiana
Lewis Estes, Eubank High School, Eubank, Kentucky
Kenneth Russell, Daviess County High School, Owensboro, Kentucky
Clarence J. Robin, Hessmer High School, Hessmer, Louisiana
Everett C. Cunningham, Washburn High School, Washburn, Maine
Truman Tilleras, Blooming Prairie High School, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Claude C. Grieb, Doniphan High School, Doniphan, Missouri
L. A. McCasland, Melrose High School, Melrose, New Mexico
Richard L. Hummel, Spencerville High School, Spencerville, Ohio
Arvle A. Haire, Moore High School, Moore, Oklahoma
Donald Kabler, Corvallis High School, Corvallis, Oregon
Wayne B. Rentschler, Kutztown Area High School, Kutztown, Pennsylvania
Harold D. Lineberry, Dickson High School, Dickson, Tennessee
James H. Copenhaver, George Wythe High School, Wytheville, Virginia
A. T. Poole, Stony Creek High School, Stony Creek, Virginia
Jack Whirry, Montello High School, Montello, Wisconsin

It was moved by Armbruster of Oklahoma to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Hair of Connecticut and carried.

President McMillan introduced Nick Scholzen of Utah who made the talk "Practicing the FFA Code of Ethics."

Vice President Diefenderfer assumed the chair, after which President McMillan presented his report. George of Colorado moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Heilman of Nebraska and carried. President McMillan resumed the chair.

Following music by the National FFA Band, the Honorable J. W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, gave the address of welcome.

Robert L. Boone of Tennessee, National President of the New Farmers of America was introduced, after which he gave a brief greeting.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Emerich of Wyoming moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Gantz of Pennsylvania and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the magazine. Kelone of Louisiana moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Davis of Delaware and carried.

Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a report on the Supply Service. Kuhn of Nebraska moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Burkett of New Mexico and carried.

Howard Carter, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the Official Calendar. Torrey of Vermont moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Ludwig of Illinois and carried.

Vice President Diefenderfer presented his report. Chatman of California moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Rotti of Massachusetts and carried.



The National Future Farmer and the Future Farmer Supply Service Booth are part of the Little Theatre Exhibits.



President McMillan introduced the Honorable Donald N. McDowell, Wisconsin State Director of Agriculture, who gave an address. He was then presented a special plaque.

The meeting adjourned at eleven fifty-five o'clock with the closing ceremony.



The Honorary American Farmer degree was conferred upon twenty-five outstanding teachers of vocational agriculture.

Wednesday, October 9, 1963

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President McMillan. Vice President Diefenderfer assumed the chair.

Vice President Whittington presented his report. Hardy of Minnesota moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Lineberry of North Carolina and carried.

President McMillan resumed the chair. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of individuals by the national officers.

President McMillan introduced the Honorable John H. Reed, Governor of Maine, after which Governor Reed gave an address. He was then presented a special plaque.

Mays of Texas presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee. Dobson of Kansas moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Stadlman of Iowa and carried.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates:

Alabama

Carey Ayers, New Market
 Billy Lamar Barnes, Route 1, Hartford
 Robert Bishop, Route II, Fairhope
 Bobby Clark, Brierfield
 Abe Green, Eastaboga
 Joel H. Gurley, Somerville
 James Edd Ikard, Route 1, Brownsboro
 Billy C. Mercer, Route 3, Wetumpka

Mickey Motley, Route 1, Coffee Springs
 Curtis Andrew Nolen, Route 1, Horton
 Kenneth Royster, Route 1, Stanton
 William Fredrick Russell, Route 6, Boaz
 Tommy Shields, Jemison
 Alvie Russell Smith, 3817 Grizzard Road, Huntsville
 Lawson D. Spivey, Jr., Route 1, Louisville
 James Paul Wise, Route 1, Kinston

Arizona

William Frank Glenn, 1910 Ninth Street, Douglas
 Robert Marvin Rayner, Route 1, Box 21, Goodyear

Arkansas

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 Jerry Sherrill, Mansfield
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 Robert Ronald Mattes, Route 1, Box 180, Lathrop
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 Donald Cole Nicholson, Route 1, Quincy
 Charles Henry Olive, Route One, Bascom
 James Earl Ross, Route 4, Box 327, Live Oak
 Elmer Lamar Smith, Star Route C, Atmore, Alabama
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 Jerald Lloyd Carter, Route 2, Doerun
 Jerry Doyle Childree, Route 2, Doerun
 Fred Dennis, Jr., Route 5, Lyons
 Ronnie Everidge, Route 1, Pinehurst
 Dobson M. Gay, Jr., RFD, Garfield
 Jimmy Gibbs, Route 5, Moultrie
 Mack Paul Hays, Jr., Baconton
 Wally Jordan, Jr., Bartow
 Larry Keith, Route 1, Hogansville
 James Earl Mims, Donalsonville
 Ted Howard Perfect, Elko
 Royce Rackley, Route 2, Whigham
 William B. Roberts, Jr., Route 1, Ashburn
 Johnny O. Swilley, Route 2, Box 391, Valdosta
 Brandy Gee Trawick, Jr., Iron City
 Larry Elwood Webb, Route 2, Hahira
 Venton C. Wynn, Jr., Route 1, Sycamore

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 Jerry Callen James, Route 2, Kimberly
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Richard L. Carter, R. R. 2, Dieterich
 Harold R. Davis, R. R. 4, Canton
 Keith Elledge, R. R. 1, Griggsville
 M. Larry Graves, Yates City
 Gerald E. Hoffman, R. R. #2, Earlville
 Gary L. Ludwig, R. R. #1, Danville
 David Bruce Martin, R. R. #1, Box 114, Marengo
 Carl E. McQueen, R. R. #2, Manteno
 Marvin E. Perzee, R. R. #2, Ashkum
 Charles Rayburn, R. R. #2, Champaign
 Ronald W. E. Schewe, Route 2, Waterloo
 Walter George Wagner, Scheller
 Harold Whittaker, Monica
 Allen Wolff, R. R. #1, Mason

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 David Leon Bruch, R. R. #1, South Whitley
 Kenneth Lee Burk, R. R. #2, Centryville
 Roger Dean Ehle, R. R. #1, New Haven
 David R. James, R. R. #1, Pennsville
 Donald J. McCrosky, R. R. #6, Rochester
 Walter William Paxson, R. R. #1, Pennville
 Jack Robbins, R. R. #2, Carlisle
 Arthur Donald Waddell, R. R. #6, Frankfort
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 Larry Keith Goehring, Selma
 William Dennis Groth, Newell
 Robert D. Grover, Riceville
 Jerry Lee Koenig, R.F.D. 1, Audubon
 Leonard Elza Miller, Jr., Dana
 Lee E. Nichols, Fontanelle
 Ralph Plagman, Jr., Aurelia
 Earl Alvin Schmidt, R. R. 1, Stockton
 Randal Herbert Sievers, RFD 3, Storm Lake

Kansas

Ronald Eugene Brown, Hiattville
 Dwayne Eugene Dietz, Wakeeney

Larry Dean Felbush, R. R. 3, Abilene
 Lloyd Prochaska, R. R. 2, Ellsworth
 Etna Maurice Pyle, IV, Kingsdown
 Larry Reh, R. R. 2, Williamsburg
 Lanny Siebold, Green

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 Charles William Baker, Route 2, Versailles
 Charles Stanley Cooper, Route 1, Flemingsburg
 Johnny Cooper, Route 4, Stanford
 Roy V. Cornell, Mt. Washington
 Bill Crawford, Route 2, Hodgenville
 Ray B. Henderson, Route 1, Bowling Green
 James Franklin Lebold, Route 1, Utica
 William H. Moss, Munfordville
 David G. O'Banion, Route 3, Campbellsville
 Ray Roundtree, Route 1, Crab Orchard
 Roy Virgin, Oldtown
 Ben Wright, Harned

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 Gary D. Johnson, Delavan
 Eldon Knutson, R. R. #2, Ortonville
 Gordon Lund, Monticello
 Walter K. Nahrgang, Lewiston
 Larry H. Petersmeyer, RFD #1, Nerstrand
 Joseph J. Schieber, Caledonia
 Donald O. Schultz, Route 2, Faribault
 Harold Schweiss, Hector
 Michael E. Wagner, Wabasso
 Bob Wermerskirchen, Jordan

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Troy V. Majure, Jr., Utica
 Scottie Lee Grimes, Route 4, Corinth
 Ray Howard Sullivan, Jr., Route 2, Terry

Missouri

Edward Lee Billups, Mendon
 Donald Brandt, Route 1, Loose Creek
 Billy Bob Cass, Route 3, Lamar
 Edwin Marvin Eaheart, Route #2, Miami
 Jimmy Ghan, Clever
 Charles E. Johnston, Palmyra
 M. L. McCrea, Jr., Maysville
 Jim McLay, Route 3, Butler
 Ronald Ray McMullin, Norborne
 James Ellis Parks, Perry
 Lindell Roy Sikes, R. R. #3, Fredericksburg
 Donald Ray Strobel, Route 4, California

Montana

Alan C. Folda, R. R. #3, Lewistown
 John Hebbelman, Jr., Chinook

Nebraska

Milton Ahrens, Route #3, Gibbon
 John E. Jedlicka, Route #2, Schuyler
 Gary Kuhlmann, Route 1, North Platte
 John J. Schroll, Litchfield
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 Charles Thomsen, Hooper

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New Jersey

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 Wayne Wagner, Route 1, Box 174, Dexter

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 John W. Hurst, III, R. F. D. #2, Machias
 Frank J. Race, R. D. #1, Greene
 Herbert J. Sherman, R. D., Genoa
 Richard Henry Skellie, R. F. D. #2, Greenwich
 Gene A. Walter, Divine Corners

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 Weldon Wright Faircloth, Route 1, Autryville
 Lewis Conrad Forrest, Jr., Route 1, Box 33, Newport
 Gene Nelson Harris, Route 3, Asheboro
 Robert Hege, III, Route 8, Box 246, Lexington
 Bobby Sherrill Jernigan, Route 5, Dunn
 Jimmie Ray Little, Route 1, Midland
 Henry McCombs, Route 1, Conover
 Tommy McCray, Route 1, Pageland
 Henry Calvin Newton, Jr., Route 1, Wagram
 Larry Joe Phillips, Route 1, Box 245, Mars Hill
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 William Herbert Bame, R. R. #4, Findlay
 Larry Eugene Basel, R. R. #7, Marion
 Rex Lynn Bowersock, R. R. #1, Middle Point
 John Mark Denune, Route 2, Mechanicsburg
 Jonny Lester Dicke, County Line Road, St. Marys
 William Fred Donley, R. D. 1, Wooster
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 Alfred S. Logan, Route 1, Bowers-ton
 William Warren Rapp, R. R. #2, Gibsonburg

Richard Sheaffer, Route 5, Upper Sandusky
 Merle J. Warns, R. R. #1, Perrysburg

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 Raymond Coker, Route #2, Perry
 Michael Gentry Combs, Kingfisher
 Jon Ronald Ford, Helena
 Glenn H. Holderread, R. R. 3, Cushing
 Glen Morris Just, Collinsville
 Robert J. Klinger, R. R. #3, Ponca City
 Herbert Allen Kordis, Route #3, Kingfisher
 Jim Kragh, R. R. 2, Waynoka
 James Harold Miller, Custer
 Larry Murphy, R. R. #2, Cherokee
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Route #4, Easley
Lonnie Alvin Richardson, Route 1,
Gresham
Joseph Lynn Stevens, Route 4, Loris

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Alvin W. Knutson, Bushnell
Dale A. Tesch, Watertown

Tennessee

Kenneth Carr, RFD #3, Bethpage
John Brady Dunn, Route 1, Bold
Springs
James Lon Everett, Maryville
Marvin Ray Gibson, Route 9, Mary-
ville
Joe Donnell Graves, Route 3, Mt.
Juliet
Mike Hunt, Route 6, Trenton
Lee Roy Johnson, Route 1, Riddle-
ton
Eugene Stanley Jones, Route #2,
Jonesboro
Robert Clarence McClure, Benton
Edgar Lee Paschall, Route 1, Hazel,
Kentucky
James Allison Thompson, Jr., Route
1, Culleoka
Ronald Coleman Watt, Route #1,
Medina

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Mexia
Lonnie Beadles, Route #2, Com-
merce
Richard Joseph Bienski, Route 4,
Box 233, Bryan
Edward Branden, Route 2, El
Campo

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Calvin J. Calder, 1365 Edwin Street,
Beaumont
Jack R. Carraway, Box 11, Huf-
smith
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Adkins
Tommy Ermis, Box 83, Agua Dulce
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345, Ozona
Lee Jimmy Everitt, Route 3, Box
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Avenue, Corsicana
Rodney Gregorczyk, Route 1, Sinton
Thomas Gene Harrell, Star Route,
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Aaron L. Hutto, Route 2, Hart
Raymond Krueger, Jr., Route 1,
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A. & M. College, College Station
E. C. Larkin, Jr., Route 1, Brooks-
ton
Grady Lawrence, Star Route, De-
Berry
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Box 74, Garland
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Beeville
Travis Clinton McGuire, Jr., Route
2, Wellington
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Quitaque
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Eden
Ray Lee Reding, Route 1, Norman-
gee
Learon Aubrey Roberts, Route 2,
Mt. Pleasant
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more
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 Charles L. Harlow, Route 1, Culpeper
 Roy Edward McDonald, Stephens City
 Thomas Horton Orrock, Woodford
 Cecil S. Rhodes, Route 2, Windsor
 Willie Embrey Rider, Jr., Locust Dale
 Charles S. Rosson, Trevilians
 John A. Stowers, Lovettsville
 Ernest Wildon Terrell, Woodford

Washington

Danny LeRoy Bartelheimer, Route 2, Snohomish
 Dennis Irvin Boyd, Route #1, Box 88, Sequim
 David L. Martin, Route 1, Box 115, Quincy
 Albert C. Weishaupt, Monroe

The meeting adjourned at four thirty-five o'clock with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 9, 1963**Evening Session**

The FFA Talent Show was held at seven thirty o'clock. The third session of the convention was then called to order with the opening ceremony at eight fifteen o'clock, President McMillan presiding.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was made by Student Secretary France. Contestants then drew for speaking order and the contest followed.

While the judges of the Public Speaking Contest conferred, the presentation of the Gold Emblem Chapter awards was made by the national officers to sixty-three chapters.

Jon M. Whitman, Route 3, Box 90, Moscow, Idaho
 Steven LeRoy Van Ausdle, Route 1, Box 10, Pomeroy

West Virginia

Delmus William Evans, Eggon Lewis Price Fisher, Frankford Robert Charles Miller, Sinks Grove James W. Teets, Terra Alta John Rodgers Wilson, Lewisburg

Wisconsin

Gene A. Curtis, Bloomington James E. Dassow, Route 3, Plymouth Karl A. Drye, Route 1, Brownstown Arlen Gene Erickson, Route 1, Victory Sherwin Herbert Giraud, Route 2, Sparta Dennis W. Gjerseth, Alma Center Darrel D. Kuhn, Deer Park Kenneth G. Lenz, Route 4, Tomah Larry Meyer, R. R. 2, Loyal Jerome Dean Prochnow, Route 2, Menomonie Gerald A. Schiefelbein, R. R. 1, Fall Creek Gerald Schmidt, Turtle Lake Thomas Roy Sina, Route #2, Ripon Ronald John Wormet, R. R. 3, Box 121, Baraboo

Wyoming

Burleigh Dean Binning, Jr., Box 68, Pinedale Kenneth Clarence Good, Star Route, Powell



Judges for the National FFA Public Speaking Contest must have a broad understanding of agriculture and public speaking. The judges for the 1963 Contest were Milo J. Peterson, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota; Samuel W. White, Jr., President, Oliver Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; and Bruce Davies, Farm Service Director, Station KFAB, Omaha, Nebraska, and 1963 President, National Association of Television and Radio Farm Directors.

The results of the National Public Speaking Contest were announced, and awards presented by Student Secretary France.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten thirty o'clock.

Thursday, October 10, 1963

Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President McMillan. Vice President Whittington assumed the chair.

Student Secretary Vern France presented his report. Dobson of Idaho moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Nobui of Hawaii and carried.

Bleck of Wisconsin presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Heilman of Nebraska and carried.

Dobson of Idaho presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee. Hage of Minnesota moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Kelone of Louisiana and carried.

Stitzlein of Ohio presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Robbins of Delaware and carried.

President McMillan resumed the chair.

The following proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution submitted by the California Association was read: "That Article X—'Procedure for Electing National Officers'—Section A, be amended by inserting after the words 'approved by his State Advisor for consideration as a national officer,' the following



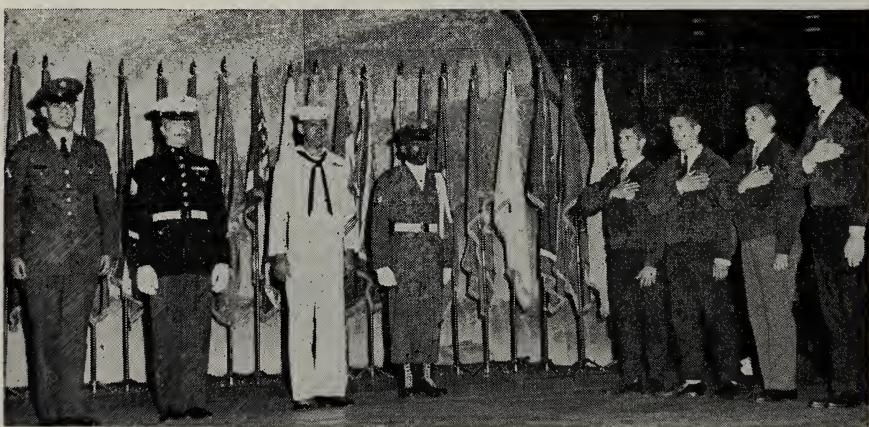
Delegates and chapter representatives participate in a variety of activities during each session.

sentence: 'A State may recommend only one candidate per year for national office.'" Student Secretary France reported that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors recommended the approval of this amendment to the delegate body. After considerable discussion, the amendment was defeated.

The presentation of the Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers.

Advisor Tenney was called to the platform, after which he introduced special guests in attendance.

President McMillan introduced Mary Ann Beyer, National Central Regional Vice President of the Distributive Education



A colorful pageant "Patriotism and the FFA" portrayed the wonderful American Heritage we are privileged to possess; it also demonstrated excellent cooperation of State associations with the national office and Department of Defense in staging this type of demonstration.

Clubs of America, after which Miss Beyer spoke on "DECA—What It Is and What It Does."

President McMillan then introduced Diana Leonard, National President of the Future Homemakers of America, after which Miss Leonard spoke on "The Role of the Future Homemakers in the school program."

Mr. Herschel Newsom, Master of the National Grange was introduced and addressed the convention. President McMillan then presented him a special plaque.

Following a talk by Kent Slater of Illinois on "The Meaning of Our National Heritage," a pageant entitled "Patriotism and the FFA" was presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven fifty-five o'clock.

Thursday, October 10, 1963

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony by President McMillan. Vice President Duane Leach assumed the chair.

Vice President Richard Mottolo presented his report. Fouqua of Massachusetts moved its acceptance; motion seconded by George of Colorado and carried.

Hoppe of Louisiana presented the report of the Official Calendar Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Smith of Maine and carried.

Slater of Illinois presented the report of the Public Relations Committee. Miller of Kentucky moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Koonz of Virginia and carried.

Perrigo of New Hampshire presented the report of the National FFA Magazine Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Diamond of Utah and carried.

Faucette of North Carolina presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Scholzen of Utah and carried.

Keathley of Arkansas presented the report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by McCarl of South Dakota and carried.

President McMillan resumed the chair. Distinguished Service Plaques were then presented to the following individuals as a token of appreciation for their efforts in behalf of the organization:

Richard J. Babcock, President and Publisher, FARM JOURNAL, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bruce Davies, Farm Service Director, Station KFAB, Omaha, Nebraska

Harold A. Edlund, Vice-President, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri



The Distinguished Service Plaque is awarded to Outstanding Leaders in Business, Industry, Farm Organizations and Education for their contribution to Vocational Agriculture and the FFA Program on a national level.

Harry A. Grant, Director of Agricultural Relations, Wirthmore Feeds, Inc., Waltham, Massachusetts

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoover, The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri

Walter R. Moorman, Representative, 26th Legislative District, Hardinsburg, Kentucky

Earl Schweikhard, Assistant Manager and Director of Promotion and Agriculture, The State Fair of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

J. D. Sykes, Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri

E. C. Weekley, Manager, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Houston, Texas

Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary presented the National FFA Annual Report. McCormick of Washington moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Sonne of South Dakota and carried.

Presentation of the FFA Foundation Farm Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

Hardy of Minnesota presented the report of the Program of Work (Local Guide) Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Ray of Wisconsin and carried.

Hardy of Minnesota moved the reorganization of the National FFA Chorus; motion seconded by Rotti of Massachusetts and carried.

Bowman of Oregon moved that it be recommended to the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors that it become a policy to allow more than one applicant per State to apply for a national office; motion seconded by Chatman of California. After some discussion the motion failed to carry.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 10, 1963

Evening Session

The National FFA Band presented a concert at seven thirty o'clock.

The sixth session of the convention was then called to order with the opening ceremony at eight ten o'clock. President McMillan presiding.

Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform. Following musical selections by the national band, representatives of the donors were introduced. Special plaques were then presented to six fifteen-year donors to the Foundation.



One hundred-forty-seven representatives of Donors to the Future Farmer of America Foundation, Inc., are recognized during "Donor's Night".



Representatives of Donors receiving Special Plaques for fifteen years continuous support to the FFA Foundation, Inc.

Mr. J. W. Keener, President of the B. F. Goodrich Company and 1963 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee was introduced and was presented a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. Mr. Keener made a brief address, after which the Honorary America Farmer

Degree was conferred upon him. Mr. Keener introduced Mr. Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea Division Avco Corporation, who will serve as the 1964 Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. Mr. Stoup extended greetings.

The 1963 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced and the movie "The 1963 Star Farmers" was shown.

The Massing of State Flags by the Star Farmers was presented and the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates were presented to their mothers. After the introduction of the Star Farmer judges, the 1963 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten thirty o'clock.

Friday, October 11, 1963

Morning Session

The seventh session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by Vice President Diefenderfer. Vice President Mottolo assumed the chair.

Vice President Leach presented his report. Hardy of Minnesota moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Heilman of Nebraska and carried.

Diamond of Utah presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Lemke of Arizona and carried.

Smith of Maine presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Diamond of Utah and carried.

Armbruster of Oklahoma presented the report of the National Program of Work Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Torrey of Vermont and carried.

Executive Secretary Gray presented the 1963-64 National FFA Budget. Claycomb of Kentucky moved the acceptance of the budget; motion seconded by Koonz of Virginia and carried.

Foreign guests in attendance were called to the platform and introduced.

Mr. Jim Gibson of the Public Information Department of the Peace Corps was introduced and gave a brief address.

Dr. Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, was introduced, after which Dr. Arnold gave greetings to those in attendance.

Vice President Diefenderfer introduced the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, who addressed the convention. Secretary Freeman was then presented a special plaque.



Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational and Technical Education participated in his third National Convention. His support to the FFA program has been most commendable.

Stitzlein of Ohio moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Carvalho of Hawaii and carried.

Larson of New Mexico moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to take action on all matters between conventions; motion seconded by Sattler of New York and carried.

Cleveland of Mississippi moved that the national dues remain at ten cents per member; motion seconded by Freeman of California and carried.

President McMillan assumed the chairmanship. He then read a special telegram of greetings from President Kennedy.

Kiehne of New Mexico presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Millar of Indiana and carried. There being no further nominations for national office from the floor, it was moved by Larson of New Mexico that the slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation from the delegate body; motion seconded by Heilman of Nebraska and carried. The newly elected national officers were then introduced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven fifty o'clock.

(During the afternoon all FFA representatives were guests of the American Royal Live Stock Association at a special show at the American Royal Arena.)



The outgoing National Officers each receive a Special Leadership and Service Plaque from A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, as part of "National Officers Nite" program.

Friday, October 11, 1963

Evening Session

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven fifteen o'clock, President McMillan presiding. Vice President Diefenderfer assumed the chair.

President McMillan addressed the convention.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates were presented to their mothers. Local advisors of the officers were introduced. Advisor Tenney then presented the officers with their special service plaques.



The parents of the national officers are honored as part of "National Officers Nite." The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers, and the mothers were presented special certificates. They were also presented leis by the Hawaiian Association.

The newly-elected officers were installed by the regular ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Nels Ackerson, the newly-elected president presented Kenny McMillan with the gavel he used to open the convention.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at nine o'clock with the closing ceremony by the new officers.

Following the closing ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.



Passing of the Gavel from outgoing President Kenny McMillan to President-Elect, Nels Ackerson.

Convention Addresses

ILUS W. DAVIS

We know that as citizens of this great country a free man farming his own land can and will produce more food and do a better job than a state-directed slave on a piece of real estate owned by the state. We know that when free men use their talents, when they are free to own their own property, the property they are farming, when they are free to use their minds, the whole world



ILUS W. DAVIS
Mayor, Kansas City, Missouri

benefits. This is one of the object lessons that is being ignored by more than half of the world today at its peril. This is the great lesson of our times, and we find that the responsibility for maintaining life in many parts of the world today is falling on the shoulders of the farmers of this continent.

This is the responsibility that you are inheriting. This is the obligation that is upon you. This is the job that faces you as free men in a free country, with the opportunity of owning your own land and creating your own wealth.

DONALD N. McDOWELL

I would like to direct your attention to portions of the familiar Future Farmer Creed. Do we realize the dramatic statement we make when we say, "I believe in the future of farming with a faith born not of words but of deeds"? All of us here are familiar with this FFA Creed, but I believe that if each of us would frame these verses in our heart and mind, we would be better Americans prepared to meet and make a better future in this field of agriculture.

We live in a fabulous period in history. We have experienced the nuclear giants. We have witnessed space shots and men in orbit.



DONALD N. McDOWELL
Director, Wisconsin State Department of Agriculture

We have experienced scientific advances in the factory and in the field of science. We in agriculture are also experiencing a fabulous advancement. Mechanization, specialization, tied together with our educational structure, give us an unlimited view of what lies ahead. Many of our national leaders are referring to this era as the "great agricultural revolution."

JOHN H. REED

During the years ahead brain power will be at a premium. It would be difficult for a non-farmer to envision the wealth of knowledge and decision-making ability required for the successful operation of an efficient sized family farm unit. Muscle power will not be as important as brain power in determining the financial



JOHN H. REED
Governor of Maine

success of a farm business. Strategy combined with brain power will constitute the most important farm implement in the future.

In making his farm plans the operator will need to develop a strategy designed to make the most of the highly uncertain economic environment in which the farm business must be operated. Changing prices and price relationships, market structure, weather, new technology and government programs pose an endless series of problems for farm operators.

MARY ANN BEYER

DECA is a public school activity designed to attract and develop capable young people to marketing and distribution as a course. Our youth activity program is centered around the four points of our diamond-shaped emblem, symbolizing (1) vocational understanding, (2) civic consciousness, (3) social intelligence, and (4) leadership development.



MARY ANN BEYER

Vice President, Central Region
Distributive Education Clubs
of America



DIANA LEONARD

National President, Future
Homemakers of America

DIANA LEONARD

In order to achieve the purposes of FFA, DECA, and FHA, I notice that all three of our organizations place emphasis on leadership, cooperation, active citizenship, participation, and faith in the future. FHA as part of the homemaking program, provides a framework in which member planned and directed experiences extend and enrich what we have learned in the classroom. Experiences in FHA add breadth and depth to homemaking education and is realistic.

HERSCHEL D. NEWSOM

One of the experiences which we anticipate with real pleasure every year is that of being able to entertain the officers of the FFA in our National Grange Building, which is increasingly becoming truly a "house of agriculture" in the Nation's Capital. Now after a lapse of several years, I am again happy that I am able to return your visit and to share the thinking of the National Grange with those of you who will not only be the farmers of tomorrow, but in all probability, the agricultural leaders of tomorrow's world.



HERSCHEL D. NEWSOM
Master, The National Grange

Much is being said today to our American young people who live on farms and in rural areas in an attempt to predict the future pattern of rural and agricultural life. Perhaps, as never in the last 100 years, the need today is for young men who go into American agriculture and who will eventually become its leaders, to recognize their joint responsibilities and work together, not only for their individual welfare, but for the general welfare as well.

J. W. KEENER

Contributions from industry to Future Farmers of America Foundation set an all-time record in 1963 with a total of \$200,849 collected in cash and pledges. This certainly is a positive indication of the high regard businessmen have for farm youth and a demonstration of businessmen's eagerness to contribute to programs for farm youth.

The four basic reasons why we support your organization are:

1. We respect you because of your contribution to the strength and welfare to our country.
2. We admire you because of your ambition and industry.
3. We hold you in great esteem because you are living and demonstrating the most cherished and essential ingredients



J. W. KEENER

**President, B. F. Goodrich Co. and 1963 Chairman of
the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.**

of our American heritage: self-reliance, individual initiative, perseverance, and love of freedom.

4. We want to help you because the world needs new scientific, educated farmers—farmers who can meet the needs and requirements of these fast moving, rapidly-changing times.

ORVILLE L. FREEMAN



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Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture

You are a select group of young men—whose leadership in the years ahead is of decisive importance to the progress of our communities and the future of our Nation. Because of this I am going to speak to you seriously and frankly—to urge upon you a difficult yet supremely important undertaking—the task of thinking—of

thinking for yourselves—of thinking clearly and courageously—about the problem of our times and their potential solutions.

We are on a new threshold in our Nation's growth, and we should welcome it as a doorway to opportunity which never before has been within the grasp of man.

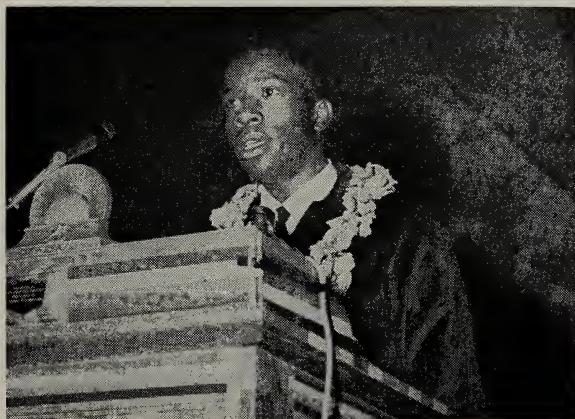
KENNY McMILLAN

Set your goals—long range goals and short range goals. Think big in "doing" so . . . and don't be satisfied by being average. I once heard a speech entitled "Professional . . . Piddler . . . or Punk". I have no worries about Future Farmers falling into the "punk" category—but we must accept the challenge of being "professionals" rather than "piddlers" or being average. Average is only the "worst of the best . . . and the best of the worst"—and as Future Farmers we have an obligation to strive for what is best . . . by thinking big.

Fellow Future Farmers, the opportunities ahead in agriculture and the FFA are unlimited. Would you like to be Star Farmer of America—as Bob Cummins? Would you like to be elected as National President—like Nels Ackerson?

You can, if you decide you want to . . . if you strive to learn . . . if you work hard . . . and if you do your best. Remember, the world steps aside for the Future Farmer who knows where he's going.

ROBERT L. BOONE



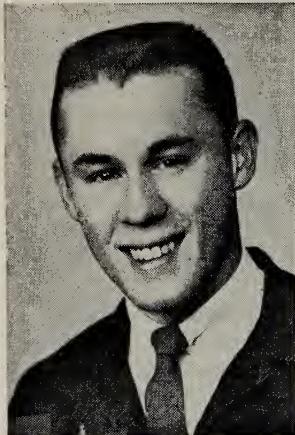
ROBERT LEE BOONE
National NFA President

We as New Farmers share with you in the great work, planning, projects, and achievements of youth . . . for we realize that the hope of any nation is in the conservation and wise utilization of its natural resources. Chief among these is the nurture, conservation and training of its youth, who, in turn, must plan wisely and work diligently and hence upbuild a better world.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

Last October, a very surprised, but deeply grateful Future Farmer came to this stage to accept the gavel as the 35th President of the FFA. With a new blue and gold jacket, a new can of shoe polish, a pile of airline schedules, a new set of luggage, and a heart full of energy and enthusiasm, I began the "year of a lifetime." Three FFA jackets, five FFA ties, and a closet of white shirts later, I find the shoe polish almost gone, the airline schedules outdated—and the suitcases a bit worn . . . but my heart's enthusiasm for the FFA is even greater than it was a year ago.



KENNY McMILLAN
National President

Riding in the American Royal Parade highlighted my first day of official duties. After two days of stimulating and inspiring leadership training, I returned home and was pleasantly surprised as I stepped off the train. The high school band and a huge crowd of friends, and Future Farmers were waiting to greet me with a "Welcome Home" celebration and parade.

On October 30-31, I joined Darryl Eastvold and Mr. Gray in Chicago for the

National Safety Congress. Fort Wayne, Indiana, was the site of the National Grange Convention, where I joined Dr. Tenney representing the FFA.

Illinois Governor Otto Kerner proclaimed November 26, "Kenny McMillan Day" in Illinois and came to Bushnell for a program in my honor. The thoughtful people of my home area presented me with a generous scholarship. I shall long cherish memories of the interest and support given me by my local communities.

I spoke at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on December 9. During the Christmas Holidays, I addressed Future Farmers attending the Illinois Farm Bureau—FFA American Heritage Conference.

Several days of extensive leadership training greeted your national officers when we arrived in Washington, D. C., on January 16, just prior to the joint meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Anthony Celebrezze welcomed us to his office with Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel for a pleasant visit, on January 22. Later that day, each of us visited with our U. S. Senators and Representatives at a luncheon given in the Capitol by Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois.

From Washington, we departed for the 1963 Good-Will Tour. In Akron, Ohio, we had an especially meaningful visit with Mr. J. W. Keener, 1963 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Having the State FFA Presidents and State staff members with us in each city was a special pleasure for your national officers throughout the entire tour.

Following a meeting of the Illinois Vocational Association, I joined Duane Leach and the Illinois State Officers in Moline for a visit with Mr. Bruce Lourie, 1962 Chairman of our National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

I addressed the Central Regional Conference for Vocational Agriculture in Chicago before flying to the well-planned Michigan FFA Convention. One unique feature was recognizing the scholarship "building stone" of the FFA by designating State Farmers with excellent scholastic records.

I flew to New York City to prepare for and film a program for CBS-Television's "To Tell The Truth."

I arrived in Cheyenne for the Wyoming FFA Convention, where almost 50% of the State membership was in attendance with 100% of the chapters being represented. Next, in Dallas I addressed the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Land Bank Associations of the United States before returning to the Northwest for the Montana State Convention, where I observed a very competent nominating committee in action.

The Livingston, Texas, Chapter was a gracious host for the Trinity-Neches FFA Livestock Show and a week of activities addressing service clubs, school assemblies and chapter FFA banquets.

After Easter, I joined representatives from other youth groups in Chicago at the National Safety Congress planning meetings where I was selected Youth Chairman to preside over the 1963 Congress in late October.

Sioux City, Iowa, was host city for the large Iowa FFA Convention, where an FFA parade and excellent chapter exhibits were striking features.

A well-attended past officers' reunion was a special feature of the Ohio Convention. Jerry Diefenderfer met me at San Francisco and we visited several chapters en route to the California Convention, where Future Farmers displayed their pride in Jerry's service as a national officer. After visiting Jerry's family and ranch, we travelled to Los Angeles to appear on the TV Program, "Agriculture-USA" and to visit two of our Foundation donors.

I joined Miss Sandy Tibeau, American Dairy Princess, and Georgia Future Farmers in Millen, Georgia, for the Jenkins County Dairy Festival. I flew to Iowa to attend the Atlantic Chapter's 25th Anniversary Banquet. Upon my return home, I attended a special FFA get together for Illinois and Missouri Future Farmers, sponsored by Moorman Manufacturing Company.

The hospitality of Puerto Rico Future Farmers, and their patience and understanding as I struggled to learn ESPANOL delighted me during my visit to the Puerto Rico Convention. I was greatly impressed by the outstanding farming programs during my week's tour of the Island.

During my visit to Kentucky for their State convention, I visited the excellent leadership training facilities at the Kentucky State FFA Camp. The serious attitude of these enthusiastic Future Farmers toward the business and activities of the convention was excellent evidence of the benefits being reaped from their leadership program.

A huge "Welcome Home Kenny" sign greeted me for my home convention inside the beautiful assembly hall at the University of Illinois. I was indeed proud of the Illinois Convention, highlighted by the efficient and unique election of State officers. Later, I participated in the Illinois Vo-Ag Teachers' Conference before flying to Detroit where I was given a wonderful reception when I addressed the large convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States.

The Mississippi State Officers met me at the airport when I arrived for their convention, where a unique activity was their "cooperative quiz." Maryland Future Farmers gave me a part in paying a fitting tribute to Mr. Harry McDonald, their retiring State Advisor, during their convention.

Representing the FFA in Kansas City at the National FHA Convention was truly a delight; however, I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived in Kansas City to meet a delegation of Kansas Future Farmers just taking off for Europe on a People-to-People tour.

Jerry and Mr. Gray joined me in Laramie, Wyoming, July 15-17 for a six-State sub-regional leadership conference for State FFA Officers. Jerry returned home with me for a visit with my family before we continued on to Washington, D. C. for the July Board meetings and planning for this National Convention. At that time it was also a pleasure to address representatives of donors to our National FFA Foundation at a luncheon sponsored by the General Motors Corporation.

Mr. Gray, Dick Mottolo, and I then travelled to Massachusetts for a leadership conference for the State FFA Officers in the New England States. Recalling the enthusiasm generated and the ideas shared at these two conferences this year in Wyoming and Massachusetts, we officers firmly believe this is to be one of the finest activities in which the national organization can serve State associations to inspire new officers and at the same time develop a closer tie between the individual FFA member, his State association and the national organization.

Vern France and Mr. Duis were with me in Lincoln, Nebraska, where I served as Youth Co-Chairman for the American Institute of Cooperation. We met many State FFA Officers and local chapter

representatives as we learned about cooperatives and their service to the American Farmer.

I flew to Cornell University at Ithaca, New York to address the Springfield District Cooperative Farm Credit Stockholders meeting.

The FFA exhibits and pageantry at the Eastern States Exposition, which Dick and I enjoyed, were magnificently presented and well received. I was honored to address Service Clubs and several FFA groups, during three days of pre-Exposition activities with Future Farmers in Massachusetts and Connecticut. I visited overnight with Dick and his family before returning home and travelling to Peoria to work with Mr. and Mrs. Venard on the "1963 Star Farmer" film.

Future Farmers from five States were represented at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, where I officiated at FFA activities. Larry Whittington's family was gracious during the Mule Day Celebration in Benson, North Carolina, where the Chamber of Commerce recognized the FFA in Larry's honor, as I travelled on my way to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the National Convention of the New Farmers of America.

Interspersed between these activities were 25 parent and son banquets in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri as well as FFA Foundation Banquets.

Looking back over the past year, I cannot begin to acknowledge all to whom I owe special thanks for making this experience so memorable. To Mr. Gray and Dr. Tenney, the national staff and Board of Directors, to the staffs of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and the Future Farmers Supply Service—your patience, understanding, guidance and encouragement enabled us as national officers to better understand the challenges ahead of us.

To Mr. G. Donovan Coil, my State Executive Secretary, and to Mr. Herbert R. Damisch (now deceased), my State Advisor, I will be forever grateful to you for the training and leadership opportunities provided me in Illinois.

To Mr. and Mrs. William R. Thornton, may I extend sincere thanks for the faith and confidence that only the most devoted advisor and his loving wife can have in a Future Farmer.

To the most patient, dedicated parents and the most understanding brother that any boy could ask for—Mom, Dad, and Eddie—without your cooperation and sacrifice, this year could never have been possible.

To Vern, Jerry, Larry, Duane and Dick, the bond between us could never be stronger. Through the year, I hope that I have grown more like you by borrowing from you those qualities I respect in you.

To God above, might we all give special thanks for the forethought and wisdom vested in the founding fathers of our organization.

Fellow Future Farmers, serving you this year has filled me with a satisfaction beyond expression. As I turn over the president's gavel on Friday to a new president, and he to presidents to come, I have every faith that the blue and gold banner of the FFA shall continue to symbolize the future of farming and of America—through the training and development of American Farm Youth.

Respectfully submitted,
KENNY McMILLAN

Report of the National Student Secretary

Last October 12, was the beginning of the most rewarding experience of my life—serving you as National Student Secretary. The knowledge and experience I have gained this year, will always remind me of the value of our FFA in developing useful citizens

who will be prepared to accept responsible leadership roles in agriculture. Upon returning home from the national convention I worked on the farm and also attended several chapter activities before joining my fellow officers in Washington, D. C. for National Officer Training and the meetings of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors. On the Good-Will Tour, I was impressed by the sincere interest leaders of business and industry and organization have in the FFA.

At the Utah Convention, I observed very effective use of a nominating committee and interesting delegate work sessions. I also helped judge a most outstanding parliamentary procedure contest.

The following week I participated in the Idaho Leadership Convention which featured the theme: "Leadership—A Result of Practice." The active delegate business sessions and effective use of combined FFA ceremonies and stage facilities were quite impressive.

While attending the Nevada FFA Convention and Judging Contests, I noted an excellent working relationship with the University which provided for the judging contests and convention facilities. Great enthusiasm and excellent participation by members impressed me. The convention was highlighted by a well-planned and conducted awards banquet.

I joined Mr. Gray at the Kansas convention, which began with an inspiring Vespers Service. The team work of officers and an excellent State FFA Chorus impressed me. An active collegiate chapter assisted throughout the convention and helped in a most effective orientation of the newly elected officers.



VERN FRANCE
National Student
Secretary

The Colorado Convention included many inspirational activities, of special significance was the outstanding leadership training sessions conducted for all members in attendance. Active and interesting business sessions preceded a most impressive awards program.

In Arkansas, I observed a well-rounded program which included an excellent FFA Talent Show and Sweetheart Contest.

The Louisiana Convention was highlighted by an excellent awards banquet. I commend this association on their "Best Chapter Awards Program", which is providing a strong incentive for all chapters to improve their program of work. A well-planned Sweetheart Contest helped make this a fine convention.

The Texas FFA Convention included an excellent awards program, an impressive candlelight ceremony for installing the new officers, and interesting agricultural tours. The support given to the FFA by many friends and organizations was evidenced by fine publicity which used newspapers, radio and TV.

I journeyed to Washington, D. C. where I joined my fellow officers for the summer Board meetings of the Student Officers and Directors. The following week, I enjoyed three days of work and recreation participating in the Virginia State FFA Leadership Training School, held at their State FFA-FHA Camp.

On my way home, I joined Kenny at the American Institute of Cooperation meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska. I appreciated this opportunity to gain a better understanding of how farm cooperatives are helping American agriculture. We can be proud of the status and prestige of the FFA at this meeting, which involves many youth organizations.

Since arriving home, I have occupied myself with much farm work and several speaking engagements at FFA chapters and farm and civic organizations.

My seven years in FFA, and especially serving as a national officer, would not be complete if I did not express appreciation to those who have unselfishly assisted me. A special thanks to Dr. Tenney and members of the national staff, as well as those at The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and the Future Farmers Supply Service.

To Mr. Lester Diehl and Mr. Charles Clark, my chapter advisors, my sincere gratitude for the training and inspiration you have given me. To my State advisor and Executive Secretary, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hansen, thank you for encouraging and advising me as a Future Farmer.

Mom and Dad, neither actions, nor words, can adequately express my appreciation for your love, sacrifices, guidance and understanding.

To my fellow officers, thank you for your comradeship during times of work, laughter and also my sorrow.

And to all Future Farmers "thanks" for allowing me to serve as your National Student Secretary. I challenge each of you to wear your blue and gold jacket proudly, for it is the "trademark" of farm youth noted for having high ideals and always holding true to the best tradition of rural America.

Respectfully submitted,
VERN FRANCE

Report of the Central Regional Vice President

This past year has been rewarding in a countless number of ways. I want to thank you for the opportunity of representing you as a National Vice President.

During the fall college term I attended several chapter banquets in Iowa and Minnesota, and participated in public relations activities for National FFA Week in Minnesota.



DUANE LEACH
Central Vice President

In January, I joined my fellow national officers for leadership training, and for the Boards of Student Officers and Directors meetings in Washington, D. C. After the National Good-Will tour, I attended chapter banquets in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois before my first state convention in Indiana. Here, I was impressed by an excellent band and chorus, the work of the State officers and an inspirational Vespers program.

I spoke at several chapter banquets on my way to the Nebraska Convention. A highlight was the Chapter Demonstration Contest which was different and very educational because contestants chose their demonstration. I visited several farms while en route to the Missouri State Convention. This association Convention had a very outstanding awards presentation program. The enthusiasm and interest of the members in the many convention activities made me proud to say, "I am a Future Farmer".

The South Dakota Convention offered members an opportunity to take full advantage of the FFA training activities provided by a State association. Upon my return to my home State convention, I was privileged to share a speaking part in the State FFA Banquet program where over 2500 FFA members and visitors were in attendance.

I was tremendously impressed with many inspirational phases of the program of the North Dakota convention. Coverage by the radio, TV and press was outstanding.

The Wisconsin Convention was held at beautiful Green Lake. Each member had the opportunity to learn of the many possibilities available to him in the field of agriculture and the FFA program.

I had a pleasant, and yet different experience at the New Jersey State Convention since it is held at a mountain camp.

I journeyed to Massachusetts to visit Dick Mottolo for a few days before returning home to participate in the Minnesota Vocational Agriculture Instructors' Association Conference.

On July 21, I joined my fellow officers in Washington, D. C., for the summer meetings of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors. Later, I accompanied Larry to Kentucky to attend the funeral of Jerry Ringo, National Vice President, 1956-57. My next assignment was at the Ohio Association to assist in the chapter officers' training school. This was a very outstanding, educational, and inspirational meeting.

During the next few weeks, I had time to farm and also to fit and show my registered swine.

I attended the National Dairy Cattle Congress with Dick Mottolo, where we witnessed an excellent example of Future Farmers' good behavior. Each boy had an opportunity to learn something about the Dairy Industry and talk to others with the same interest.

Following are some of the outstanding and educational activities which I observed at State conventions I attended; one or more you may wish to consider for your convention:

1. A well planned Vespers program.
2. An orientation meeting with the newly elected officers directly following the convention to inform them of their responsibilities.
3. An appropriate and impressive awards program to inspire and encourage younger members.
4. An effective public relations activities program, that fully utilizes radio, TV, and the press.
5. Assigned responsibilities to all members in attendance.
6. All members be encouraged to proudly wear the official FFA dress.
7. The convention program planned so that **EVERYONE** can get a full night's sleep.
8. The proper use of a national officer in convention activities.

Serving as a national officer has been the outstanding experience of my life. I would like to thank those who have made it possible as well as those who have helped me. Thanks to my parents for their continued encouragement; to my vocational agriculture Instructor, Marvin Thiesse, for his support and guidance; to the Minnesota State staff, especially W. J. Kortesmaki, State Executive Secretary, for working with me as a State officer; and to the entire National Staff for their assistance. To my fellow

officers I would like to say thanks for the help and inspiration that you have given me.

There are many opportunities that are available to all FFA members. I would like to urge each of you to take full advantage of the training offered you through the FFA and vocational agriculture to prepare for a career in one of the many agricultural occupations. Agriculture is the basic and most important industry in America. Let's all work to keep it that way.

Respectfully submitted,
DUANE LEACH

Report of the North Atlantic Regional Vice President

It is a pleasure to report to you on the climax of my FFA year—serving as a national officer. My hope and desire has been to work for you, as others have done for me. I only regret I could not fully give 365 days to the greatest farm youth organization in the world.

We received valuable leadership training at the conclusion of last year's convention. Of great significance to we newly-elected officers was when past national president, Victor Butler, remarked to us, "You are green as grass; you have just begun to learn about the FFA." The truth of these words has been evident and has been a challenge throughout the year.

My home chapter, Essex, and the collegiate chapter at the University of Massachusetts, held a Testimonial Banquet in my honor. I will always feel a debt of gratitude to those who made it so memorable.

In January, we prepared for and participated in leadership training sessions to develop into a more effective officer team.

At the meetings of the Board of Student Officers and Directors, and while on the Good-Will Tour, we represented and expressed the interests of the membership.

On April 1, I arrived in Philadelphia to address the North Atlantic Regional Conference in Agricultural Education. I was impressed with the discussions as they related to the improvement of vocational agriculture.

During the year, I attended State FFA Conventions at Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont and West Virginia. Time does not permit sharing with you the many



RICHARD MOTTO
North Atlantic Vice
President

highlights and outstanding features of the programs; the enthusiasm shown by the hundreds of members; the keen competition in many worthy activities; the color and splendor of the ceremonies and the recognition of achievements in leadership and agriculture made these meetings a real credit to the FFA. The experience and training gained by each Future Farmer is the most significant reassurance to me that the FFA is an organization of, by and for boys; and that we are making a valuable contribution to the future of America. It is imperative to assign as many individuals as possible to the numerous activities and details for maximum benefit.

The officer team met in July in Washington, D. C. for the meetings of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors. Afterwards, I had time to catch up on my farming activities.

The fall of the year is fair time, and Kenny and I met in Springfield, Massachusetts for the Eastern States Exposition. Here we presided over the Public Speaking Contest, the Awards Program for Judging contestants, and the feature of the North Atlantic Regional activities—the colorful and impressive State Star Farmer Pageant.

I realized a long ambition, when Duane and I had the opportunity to attend the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo. Here Future Farmers participated and competed in the finest show of its kind in the world with true sportsmanship and honor.

We officers participated in many events, however, the Sub-Regional State Officers' Leadership Training Conferences have been considered most important by the national officers to help stimulate leadership from within the ranks. The leadership training conference for New England State Officers was most important to the national officers. This conference was held from July 31 through August 2. Kenny, Mr. Gray and I assisted the New England Conference group through encouragement, inspiration and advice in developing leadership in *all* Future Farmers. The enthusiasm of the participants resulted in an excellent exchange of ideas for the improvement of FFA.

All Future Farmers should strive to accept responsibility and assist younger members. The effectiveness of the FFA in leadership training can be measured by how members identify their problems, establish worthwhile goals, develop plans in the program of work, work together in unity and evaluate the results of their efforts.

As the time draws near to remove this jacket of blue and gold that I have worn so proudly, I wish to thank those who have made my FFA years so fruitful. To Mom and Dad, for your love and understanding; and to my brothers and sister for all your assistance.

A special thanks to my Advisor, Mr. Elery Metcalf, and the school staff for their guidance and counsel. To Mr. Taft, my State Advisor, Dr. Annis, Dr. Jones and Mrs. Vandaloski of the State staff, for your patience, encouragement and assistance.

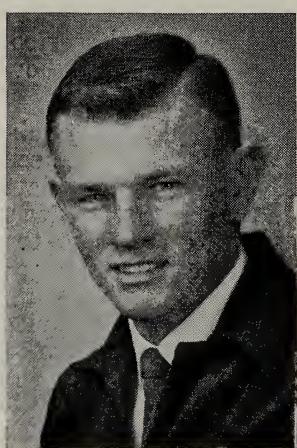
I will always remember the friendship of my fellow officers and their devotion to duties. The staffs of the Future Farmer Magazine, the Supply Service, and the national office have impressed me by their dedication to the FFA.

Every FFA member should know and understand the Creed, the Motto, and the Aim and Purposes of our organization, for these can do much to prepare boys for a useful position of citizenship in a challenging and complex adult society.

Respectfully submitted,
DICK MOTTOLO

Report of the Pacific Regional Vice President

It is with fond memories and inspiring thoughts that I report to you on my year of service as a national officer. The national officer team placed the right foot forward by leading the American Royal Parade as our first activity. I used the next few months to visit local chapter meetings and banquets, and to plant my winter wheat crop.



JERRY DIEFENDERFER
Pacific Vice President

State officers did an excellent job in assuming responsibility and inspiring the younger members. I was pleased to see the California and Washington State Presidents visiting this convention.

I next journeyed to the Washington State Convention, where an active Collegiate Chapter aided the State officers in preparing an informative and educational convention.

An early April morning found me on my way to the 34th annual Hawaiian State Convention. Interesting sessions mixed with group recreation resulted in a successful convention. Of interest was the different experiences the Hawaiian FFA'ers have and how they use their enthusiasm and faith in farming to better themselves.

and their home. I left with a heart filled with gratitude toward the warm, friendly people of Hawaii.

I met Kenny McMillan in San Francisco on April 29th; after a one-day tour of California FFA chapters, we drove to my hometown where the 35th annual California State Convention was to be held. It was with a warm feeling of pride in the Future Farmers of America that I saw young men become State officers and award winners; it was only a few short years previously that I had observed them proudly wearing the Green Hand pin. Capable State officers conducted a well-planned State Convention.

A warm day in June was the setting for the New Mexico State Convention. State officers and staff members worked hard, and everyone enjoyed a convention that was highlighted with interesting speakers, good FFA talent, and outstanding award winners.

Kenny and I joined Mr. Gray in Laramie, Wyoming, on July 14, for a six-State Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State officers. The officers worked very well together to inform and inspire each other. I am confident better State officers and leadership training for thousands of Future Farmers, resulted from this conference. We then visited agricultural education classes and advisors from several States at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Later, I spent several days with the First Family of the FFA, where I enjoyed visiting the McMillan's Illinois farm.

After attending an American Hereford Association Field Day in Indiana, Kenny and I joined our fellow national officers in Washington, D. C., for the summer meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. After completion of business meetings and advance convention planning, I flew home to address the 5th annual Farm and Land Brokers Educational Conference.

I attended the Arizona 34th annual State Leadership Conference in August, where I renewed old acquaintances and participated in their interesting conference. A good band, excellent FFA talent and interesting speakers were the highlights leading up to the impressive closing banquet where the Star Farmer of Arizona was named.

In September, I went to Hollywood to participate along with State Presidents from Arizona, California, Oregon and Utah in the filming of the color TV program "Agriculture—USA."

During my tour of duty as a National FFA Officer, I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people and the opportunity to make a large number of true friends. I hope to always be available to give service to the organization which has meant so much to me.

To the coaches of the national officer team, Dr. Tenney and Mr. Gray, a sincere "thank you." I shall always remember your thoughtful guidance.

Kenny, Vern, Dick, Larry and Duane, I have great admiration for each of you. I shall always treasure your counsel, patience and

golden friendship. May each of you enjoy a promising future in your service to agriculture.

To all of the kind people who have encouraged and helped me this year, I thank you and hope I have not let you down. A special "thank you" to Mom, Dad and Doug for the sacrifices you have made in my behalf.

This 35th Anniversary Convention brings both hope and faith to me. A hope that I served in a manner that may have inspired one Green Hand and a faith that by the grace of God he will grow into a capable leader.

Respectfully submitted,
JERRY DIEFENDERFER

Report of the Southern Regional Vice President

I vividly recall when I was elected to assume the challenging duties of National Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. With deep pride and humbleness, I began a year of unbelievable and educational experiences.



LARRY WHITTINGTON
Southern Vice President

State officers for presenting a fine convention program that had excellent recognition of award winners and an outstanding State Farmer Banquet.

I was deeply impressed with the nominating committee work, public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests at the Tennessee Convention. Mr. Gray and I conducted an enjoyable and profitable leadership workshop for the newly-elected State officers.

The Alabama convention, impressed me with its excellent planning and organization. Also, the public speaking contest was most outstanding.

Following the adjournment of the 35th national convention, I returned home where farm work and invitations to State and local functions were waiting for me.

In January, the national officers met in Washington, D. C. for leadership training and National Board meetings, after which we immediately left on the Good-Will Tour which lasted approximately four weeks, that were filled with many enlightening experiences.

After returning home I spent the next several weeks serving as a speaker for radio, TV, civic clubs, FFA banquets and other organizations.

I flew to Oklahoma to attend the State convention. It was evident that the Oklahoma Future Farmers have the solid support of the people and I commend the

I flew to Florida, where the late David Brengle and his fellow officers conducted a fine convention program. This group had wonderful support by many civic organizations, and received excellent publicity. The election of the State officers and the use of ceremonies is to be commended.

The officers of the Virginia association did a fine job of planning and conducting the State convention. I would like to compliment the association for the excellent conduct of the members in attendance.

On June 26, began one of the highlights of the year—attending the convention in my home State. The colorful ceremonies, interesting program and demonstrations, with well-organized recreational activities greatly enhanced the success of the convention.

The beautiful State FFA-FHA Camp was the setting for the Georgia convention. An impressive Vespers program and the address by Governor Sanders highlighted an interesting program.

I arrived in Washington, D. C., on July 21, to begin ten days of work with my fellow officers on official FFA business and to plan for the national convention.

Later, I helped conduct the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest at Jackson, Mississippi.

I am grateful to God for good health, guidance and the confidence given me to perform my duties, which have resulted in rewarding experiences that have given me much happiness.

To my Mother and Dad, I can never find words to express my appreciation to you for the Christian home which you have given me. I thank you for the many sacrifices you have made for me. And Judith, my fiancee, your help and encouragement has meant much to me this past year.

Mr. R. D. Warren, my local advisor, you will never know how much your advice as a teacher and friend helped change my attitude toward school.

Many thanks to Mr. Bullard and Mr. Peeler of the State staff for your wise counsel and the help extended to me as an officer. Dr. Tenney, Mr. Gray and other national staff members, I'm sincerely grateful for the rich educational experience of working with you.

I know my fellow officers have represented the FFA well. I count each of you among my very closest friends—may the very best of everything be yours.

When this convention closes my active membership in the greatest rural youth organization in the world will end. I will always appreciate and also cherish my membership in the FFA. I have found it played an important part in my life and have found it a pleasure and privilege to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
LARRY WHITTINGTON

Report of the National Executive Secretary

This year we are celebrating the "FFA at 35." It is appropriate that we recognize the many accomplishments of FFA members in the total field of agriculture, leadership, community service, the development of citizenship and the fostering of patriotism.



WM. PAUL GRAY
National Executive
Secretary

We are proud of the thousands of former FFA members who have made a beginning and advancement in the total field of agriculture. The knowledge and skills used by those successfully engaged in agriculture have been learned through an educational program that is based upon the needs of the students and "seasoned" with supervised experiences designed to "learn by doing."

The members successfully established in farming are producing food and fiber efficiently and abundantly; their farm businesses are organized and soundly managed to solve the complex problems of distribution, marketing and financing. Interwoven with the above is the proper use and management of soil and water to conserve our natural resources. The

pride of a good home farm, and the need for desirable social and economic environment, has resulted in members improving the home farm to make it a better place on which to live and work. The rural leadership learned through the FFA has prepared members for living and competing in a society and agriculture that has grown exceedingly complex the last 35 years.

We look with pride upon the many accomplishments of thousands of former students of vocational agriculture in the many occupations related to farming; their rural background and farm experience plus the knowledge and skills they've learned in vocational agriculture, has helped them influence and improve the trends and policies in agriculture. Their contribution has increased the importance of the total field of agriculture to America, and the security of the free world.

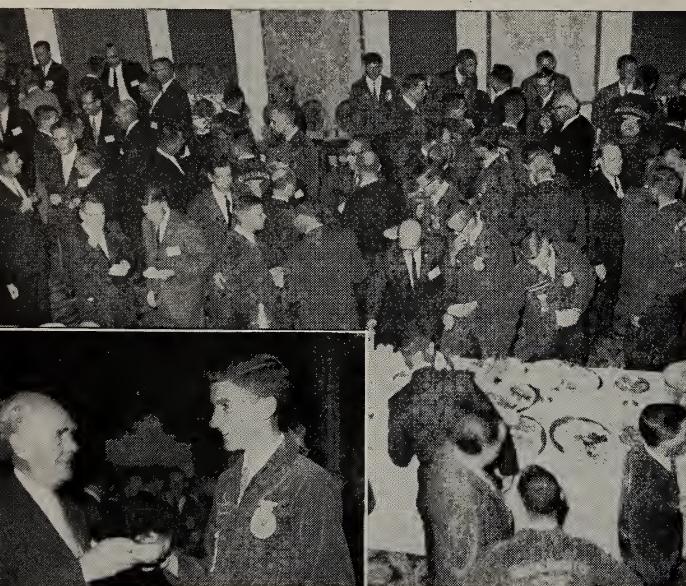
It is significant that an ever increasing number of former FFA members are taking advantage of their training in vocational agriculture and their experiences in the Future Farmers of America to prepare themselves for professional work in agriculture. FFA members who will find it difficult to go into farming, may I recommend you give very serious consideration to preparing yourself to teach vocational agriculture. Very few professions offer a greater opportunity to serve people and your country, advance in position and salary and provide the personal satisfaction of developing leaders and citizens for tomorrow.

Summary of Annual Reports of FFA Activities

	1962	1963
Number of Vocational Agriculture Departments.....	8,499	8,402
Number of FFA Chapters.....	8,472	8,368
Total Active Membership in FFA.....	387,992	395,812
Number of FFA Members on Farm Placement.....	24,052	18,390
Number of Chapters Providing Registered Sires		
Boar	1,371	3,714
Beef	615	676
Ram	376	489
Dairy	347	313
Number of Chapters Renting Chapter Owned Equipment..	1,877	2,260
Number of Chapters Providing Livestock Chains.....	3,863	3,027
Number of Chapters Conducting Safety Program (Tractor and Machinery Safety Given First Emphasis)	3,956	3,641
Number of Chapters Conducting a Conservation Program	3,787	3,965
Number of Chapters Conducting Fairs or Livestock Shows	2,423	3,028
Number of Chapters Conducting Public Speaking Contest	8,142	5,233
Number of Chapters Conducting Green Hand Creed Contest	2,347	2,500
Number of States Conducting Parliamentary Procedure Contest	41	40
Number of Chapters Operating on a Planned Budget.....	6,013	5,715
Number of Chapters Holding 12 or more Meetings Per Year.....	6,224	6,239
Number of Chapters Using Executive Committee to Plan Meetings.....	5,610	5,432
Number of Chapters Using a State Officer at one meeting	2,887	4,143
Number of Chapters Using Activities to Improve Scholarship	5,182	5,103
Number of Members in Upper One-Fourth of Class in Scholarship	59,109	60,463
Number of States Operating State Camps.....	20	22
Number of Chapters Providing Entertainment (Recreation) at meetings.....	2,823	3,804
Number of States with own Magazine.....	30	28
Number of Chapters Conducting Parent-Son or Father-Son Banquets	6,640	5,257
Number of States Operating a Foundation.....	15	12
Number of States that Conducted a Good-Will Tour.....	24	23
Number of States with 100% of their members subscribing to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	32	27
Number of paid-up subscriptions (approximately) to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.....	298,575	246,000
Number of complimentary Subscriptions (approximately) to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.....	3,762	4,788
Number of Chapters Participating in the Official Calendar Program (approximately).....	935	1,006



Three hundred and eighty-five members received the American Farmer Degree in an impressive ceremony during the second session at the Convention.



Curry Stoup, President of New Idea, Division AVCO Corporation, and 1964 Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee for the FFA Foundation, chats with a State officer at the FFA Reception for Donor Representatives.



Recreational activities standing FFA members much to the delight of the

One of the many excellent State Association Exhibits depicting the theme "AGRICULTURE — DYNAMIC — CHALLENGING".





Sixteen guests from nine friendly nations participated in convention activities and Kansas City civic club programs.



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convention.



Scene from the pageant "Patriotism and the FFA"
Thirteen State Associations help make this an out-
standing feature that added much to the program.



This Attractive float
represented the FFA
in the American
Royal Parade, which
was lead by the
National FFA Band.

	1962	1963
Number of Chapters nominating candidates for the State Farmer Degree.....	4,489	4,581
Number of Chapters Nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree.....	744	666
Number of Chapters Submitting Applications for Foundation Awards		
Farm Mechanics.....	2,055	1,899
Soil & Water Management.....	1,542	1,384
Farm Electrification.....	1,374	1,290
Livestock Farming.....	1,750	2,331
Farm Forestry.....	733	884
Poultry Farming.....	776	789
Crop Farming.....	1,072	1,837
Dairy Farming.....	2,054	1,732
Farm Safety.....	1,322	1,129
Number of Chapters Rating Superior in Chapter Award Program	2,367	2,636
Number of Chapters Conducting Special FFA Week Activities	6,268	6,466
Number of Members Attending State Conventions.....	45,190	46,269
Number of Chapters Represented at State Conventions....	6,217	6,586
Number of Collegiate Chapters.....	38	36
Number of Collegiate Chapter Members.....	1,252	1,023

Highlights of State Activities

In the Annual FFA Report, each State listed three most outstanding activities. The following is a brief summary of these activities:

1. Conducted a Good-Will Tour with State officers.
2. Some States held National FFA Week Recognition Luncheons; the guests included many donors to the State and/or National FFA Foundations.
3. State associations are placing greater emphasis upon leadership training in the following areas:
 - a. Regional or sub-regional leadership workshops for State officers.
 - b. State camps for leadership training of State officers.
 - c. Using State officers for leadership training of *all* members at State camps, with special emphasis on local chapter officers.
 - d. State officer visits to local chapters.
 - e. Emphasis on Green Hand Creed Speaking Contest.
4. State associations prepared complete, informative and attractive handbooks for State officer training.
5. Emphasis placed upon community service activities, such as roadside beautification, forestry experimental plots and community safety programs.
6. Increased participation in International Activities.

7. Improvement of State convention through activities such as:
 - a. Use of ceremonies and rituals, including installation of newly-elected State officers.
 - b. Special orientation meetings for officers-delegates.
 - c. Proper recognition for Foundation award winners, with the national officer assisting State officers in presenting awards.
 - d. Promotion of the FFA through effective public relations activities.
 - e. Effective use of the nominating committee interviewing officer candidates.
 - f. Exchanged information and ideas on FFA through exhibits, demonstrations, special programs on chapter activities and well-planned business sessions.
 - g. The use of a Vespers Program.
 - h. National officer used to inspire members, assist State staff, State officers, and to meet briefly with newly-elected state officers.
 - i. Emphasized the opportunities in agriculture for FFA members.
 - j. Recognized achievements in scholarship.
 - k. Provided recreation, music (band and/or chorus) and talent in the convention program for a "change in pace."
 - l. Emphasized proper dress and practice of the FFA Code of Ethics.
8. Greater participation in fairs, with increased sponsorship of Children's Barnyards.
9. Continued successful effort to increase active membership.
10. Emphasis placed on increased participation in Foundation awards.
11. Several States are making a dedicated effort to support The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine with 100% of their total State membership subscribing.
12. A few States *do* support the Official FFA Calendar Program as a major Public Relations Activity.

We Look To The Future

It is stimulating to review the magnificent record of accomplishments in the FFA the past 35 years. Let us not rest on these achievements, but accept new challenges to improve ourselves and the FFA. These can be accomplished through working together in all areas of the program of work; however, let us give special emphasis to the following goals:

1. One hundred percent of all chapters in each State rate **Superior** in the Chapter Award Program.
2. One hundred percent of FFA members in all States subscribe to your National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

3. Place greater emphasis on community service, especially the Farm Safety Program and conservation projects.
4. Fifty percent of all chapters conduct a Green Hand Creed Speaking Contest.
5. One hundred percent of all chapters operate on a planned budget.
6. One hundred percent of all chapters hold 12 or more meetings per year.
7. Continue to increase State officer visits to chapters.
8. Continue to place emphasis on scholarship improvement.
9. Seventy-five percent of all chapters conduct a public speaking contest.
10. Broaden the leadership training program until it reaches all Future Farmers.
11. Every chapter sponsor a parent-and-son banquet.
12. Broaden the use of State Officers' Good-Will Tours to promote a better understanding of the importance of agriculture and the FFA program.
13. One hundred percent of State associations participate in the Official FFA Calendar Program.
14. Place greater emphasis upon accuracy and properly completed applications for all FFA degrees and awards, especially the American Farmer Degree.
15. Continue to increase participation in all areas of the FFA Foundation Awards Program.
16. Place greater emphasis on more members attending and participating in State conventions.
17. Broaden the participation of State associations in sub-regional leadership workshops for State officers—a minimum of four to be held in 1964.
18. One hundred percent of State associations complete the Annual FFA Report. In order to get a true picture of the FFA program and to analyze trends in activities, it is necessary that all States comply with this Constitutional requirement.

We recognize that the progress made in the FFA has been due to the combined efforts of competent national officers, thousands of FFA members, their teachers, State staffs in agricultural education, and members of the Agricultural Education Branch of the Office of Education. We appreciate the helpful assistance given to the FFA by school administrators, our many friends in other organizations and from the field of business and industry.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. PAUL GRAY

Report Of The National Treasurer

As National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, it is my pleasure to report to you on the financial status of your Organization. A detailed audited statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1963, will appear in the Convention Proceedings. Also, copies of the statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the period July 1 through September 30, 1963, and the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through August 31, 1963, have been distributed to you.



J. M. CAMPBELL
National Treasurer

I would like at this time, to give you a brief picture of the set-up and operation of your Organization, and a summarization of its financial status.

In the total FFA program, there are four major areas of financial accounting, as follows:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation
- (c) The Future Farmers Supply Service
- (d) The National Future Farmer Magazine

Income of the Future Farmers of America is realized from dues of FFA members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building, and royalties from the Future Farmers Supply Service. Expenses of the FFA consist of travel of national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, maintenance of the FFA Building, and the national convention.

Income of the FFA Foundation is made up of contributions of more than 300 donors. Since January 1 of this year, a total of \$196,098.93 had been received at the end of September. To date this year, we have received contributions from 384 donors, 43 of them contributing for the first time.

Since the Foundation was started, in 1944, a total of \$2,736, 672.34 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals.

Expenses of the FFA Foundation consist of achievement awards paid to Vo-Ag student members of the FFA and NFA, plus a small amount of approximately 8% for administrative expenses.

You may be interested to know that the Foundation, since its beginning, has given out a total of \$2,084,139.04 in awards to FFA and NFA boys.

Income of the Future Farmers Supply Service is realized from the sale of merchandise to FFA and NFA members, and its expenses are comprised of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service, rent of the FFA Building, and royalties to the Future Farmers of America.

Income of the National Future Farmer Magazine comes from subscriptions and advertising, and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing, and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

A separate and more detailed report of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine will also be given.

Your Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National Future Farmer Magazine, has total assets of \$1,993,813.61; Liabilities of \$216,603.42; and a net worth of \$1,777,210.19.

I should like to explain that my job is State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia.

The FFA Treasurer's office, however, is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

The FFA and FFA Foundation funds are maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. A separate set of books is kept for each Organization.

At present we have \$50,000.00 of FFA funds in savings accounts, earning from 4% to 4 1/4 interest. We also have \$175,000.00 of FFA Foundation funds in savings accounts, earning up to 4 1/4% interest.

The fiscal year of the FFA extends from July 1 through the following June 30. The fiscal year of the FFA Foundation corresponds with the calendar year, extending from January 1 through December 31.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount sufficient to protect the funds in our care. The FFA and FFA Foundation accounts are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants, and a copy of the audit is reported to the Boards of the FFA and the Foundation. Your FFA Auditing Committee reviews the records and every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your Organization. Copies of the Audits of both the FFA and the FFA Foundation, are available for review.

Your Organization is in sound financial condition which I believe is a tribute to the policy directed by the National Board of Student Officers and Directors, and the management of Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CAMPBELL

Report On Examination
 For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

July 13, 1963

Officers and Directors,
 Future Farmers of America,
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of Future Farmers of America as of June 30, 1963, and the related statements of revenue and expenditures of the general fund and of cash receipts and disbursements of the general fund, which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements from the books of account of J. M. Campbell, Treasurer. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1963, arising from cash transactions or contributions, and the revenues collected and expenses disbursed by it during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,
LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1963

EXHIBIT "A"

ASSETS

GENERAL FUND:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash in bank (Exhibit "C").....		\$117,152.07
OTHER ASSETS:		
Loan receivable:		
"The National Future Farmer":		
Cash advances.....	\$ 36,786.20	
Expenses paid in prior periods	7,713.80	\$ 44,500.00
Note receivable	29,059.13	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS.....		73,559.13
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (appraised value):		
Land	\$260,944.01	
Office building	352,082.00	
Warehouse	96,612.41	
Office equipment and furniture.....	3,922.49	713,560.91
		\$904,272.11
DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:		
CURRENT ASSET:		
Cash in Bank.....		\$ 20,000.00

SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, July 1, 1962.....		\$856,892.01
ADD:		
Excess of revenue over expenditures (Exhibit "B").....		
real estate	\$ 626.79	
Construction of ware-house building	29,832.76	
Purchase of office equipment	655.03	31,114.58
		47,380.10
Balance, June 30, 1963.....		\$904,272.11
		\$904,272.11

DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

Balance, July 1, 1962.....	\$ 10,000.00
Add: Transfer from General Fund (Exhibit "B")	10,000.00
Balance, June 30, 1963.....	\$ 20,000.00

EXHIBIT "B"

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
General Fund

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

REVENUE:

	REVENUE			
	Detail	Total	Budget Estimate	Excess over Estimate
Membership dues	\$ 39,581.20	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 2,081.20	
Royalties:				
Future Farmers Supply Service	\$ 79,128.89			
F. F. A. Calendar.....	3,346.44			
The Fair Publishing House	325.00			
St. Louis Button Company	109.17	82,909.50	81,925.00	984.50
Other revenue:				
Future Farmers Supply Service—grant	\$ 20,000.00			
American Oil Company—grant	2,500.00			
Future Farmers Supply Service—rent	20,000.00			
National Future Farmer Magazine—rent	10,000.00			
Miscellaneous	15.70	52,515.70	52,550.00	(34.30)
Interest		2,082.10		2,082.10
TOTAL REVENUE	\$177,088.50	\$171,975.00	\$ 5,113.50	

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
TRAVEL:				
National officers	\$ 15,143.09		\$ 14,000.00	\$ (1,143.09)
Board of directors..	4,243.02		2,500.00	(1,743.02)
Special travel—National advisor, secretary, and other	4,379.48		5,000.00	620.52
International program development			1,500.00	1,500.00
Development of regional and national programs	71.73		2,000.00	1,928.27
TOTAL—TRAVEL	\$ 23,837.32		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,162.68
NATIONAL CONVENTION:				
Delegate expense	\$ 5,387.93		\$ 5,400.00	\$ 12.07
National band	2,478.99		2,500.00	21.01
Reception	560.00		500.00	(60.00)
Printing	5,668.18		6,355.00	686.82
Pageant program			500.00	500.00
Talent	1,666.11		1,500.00	(166.11)
Exhibits	620.00		1,000.00	380.00
Leadership training expense	450.00		500.00	50.00
Badges	408.68		325.00	(83.68)
Stenotypist	541.51		400.00	(141.51)
Photographs and publicity	576.42		500.00	(76.42)
Rental of equipment and supplies	830.77		550.00	(280.77)
Communications	156.27		100.00	(56.27)
Secretarial travel and expense	1,303.05		1,350.00	46.95
Decorations and new equipment	2,886.88		1,500.00	(1,386.88)
Stage arrangements	714.44		600.00	(114.44)
Miscellaneous	630.75		400.00	(230.75)
TOTAL—NATIONAL CONVENTION	24,879.98		\$ 23,980.00	\$ (899.98)
AWARDS:				
American Farmer Keys	\$ 3,597.43		\$ 3,700.00	\$ 102.57
Certificates and awards	843.87		1,600.00	756.13
TOTAL—AWARDS	4,441.30		\$ 5,300.00	\$ 858.70
PRINTING	4,984.29		\$ 7,095.00	\$ 2,110.71
NATIONAL OFFICE:				
Secretarial salaries:				
Executive secretary's office	\$ 5,850.00		\$ 5,850.00	
National treasurer's office	2,908.87		2,910.00	\$ 1.13
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary	11,415.00		11,415.00	
	(Forwarded)			

EXPENDITURES (continued):

NATIONAL OFFICE (continued):

Travel	1,136.50	2,000.00	863.50
Secretary—			
salary	5,649.29	5,655.00	5.71
Estimated allowance for salary increase	761.14	1,300.00	538.86
Telephone and telegraph	179.45	300.00	120.55
Bonds, premiums and taxes	421.88	500.00	78.12
Repair of equipment	79.04	175.00	95.96
Postage, express, etc.	262.80	375.00	112.20
Public relations and plaque for chairman	251.31	1,000.00	748.69
Supplies, equipment, and rents	1,549.89	2,000.00	450.11
Calendars	394.25	900.00	505.75
Legal and auditing..	310.00	350.00	40.00
Photographs	940.36	900.00	(40.36)
Complimentary subscriptions to magazine	934.00	1,000.00	66.00
National FFA week material	2,141.67	2,000.00	(141.67)
Health Insurance	40.56	150.00	109.44
Social security tax..	823.94	800.00	(23.94)
Miscellaneous	830.47	600.00	(230.47)
TOTAL—NATIONAL OFFICE	36,880.42	\$ 40,180.00	\$ 3,299.58
JUDGING EXPENSE	611.64	\$ 700.00	\$ 88.36
RETIREMENT PLAN.....	1,393.88	\$ 800.00	\$ (593.88)

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

GROUNDS AND BUILDING:

Maintenance, fuel, power, and upkeep	\$ 22,413.75	\$ 18,500.00	\$(3,913.75)
New warehouse	30,753.61	20,000.00	(10,753.61)
Depreciation Reserve Fund			
(Exhibit "A")	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Taxes	626.79	750.00	123.21
TOTAL—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA GROUNDS AND BUILDING	63,794.15	\$ 49,250.00	\$(14,544.15)
CONTINGENT		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
ANTICIPATED EXCESS OF REVENUE....		\$ 19,420.00	\$19,420.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$160,822.98	\$171,975.00	\$11,152.02

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER

Expenditures

(Exhibit "A")	<u>\$ 16,265.52</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$16,265.52</u>
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EXHIBIT "C"

**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
General Fund**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1962..... \$ 99,964.65
RECEIPTS:

Membership dues	\$ 39,581.20
Royalties	82,909.50
Future Farmers Supply Service:	
Grant	\$ 20,000.00
Rent	20,000.00
Retirement plan.....	10,569.16
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National Future Farmer Magazine:	
Rent	\$ 10,000.00
Retirement plan	5,588.76
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American Oil Company—grant.....	2,500.00
Federal income tax withheld	
from employees	4,670.54
Virginia income tax withheld	
from employees	222.72
Employees' old-age benefits.....	823.82
Employees' retirement contributions.....	989.88
Interest on savings accounts.....	604.00
Expense refunds:	
Travel	\$ 16.18
National office	3,263.66
Grounds and building.....	12.90
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Miscellaneous	15.70
Collections on property sold.....	2,400.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	204,168.02
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	\$304,132.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel	\$ 23,853.50
National convention	24,879.98
Awards	4,441.30
Printing	4,984.29
National office expense.....	40,144.08
To increase depreciation reserve fund (Exhibit "A").....	10,000.00
Judging	611.64
Retirement	18,541.68
F. F. A. grounds and building.....	53,807.05
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government..	4,670.54
Withholding tax remitted to State of Virginia.....	222.72
Employees' social security taxes paid.....	823.82
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	186,980.60
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BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1963..... \$117,152.07

(Forwarded)

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1963.....	\$117,152.07
Above balance composed as follows:	
General Fund:	
Unrestricted:	
Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia— checking account.....	\$ 90,162.47
First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia— savings account	10,302.00
Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia— savings account	10,302.00
	<u>\$110,766.47</u>
Special land account.....	6,385.60
	<u>\$117,152.07</u>

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama	\$ 1,578.50
Alaska	1.50
Arizona	185.80
Arkansas	1,415.40
California	1,173.80
Colorado	251.70
Connecticut	52.10
Delaware	52.10
Florida	963.80
Georgia	1,834.10
Guam	4.90
Hawaii	117.00
Idaho	320.30
Illinois	1,576.00
Indiana	971.70
Iowa	1,012.00
Kansas	662.50
Kentucky	1,338.40
Louisiana	1,002.40
Maine	86.70
Maryland	230.20
Massachusetts	83.50
Michigan	1,117.50
Minnesota	1,374.00
Mississippi	969.10
Missouri	1,232.30
Montana	185.10
Nebraska	554.10
Nevada	36.10
New Hampshire.....	22.20
New Jersey.....	115.40
New Mexico.....	257.30
New York.....	645.20
North Carolina.....	2,400.50
North Dakota.....	287.50
Ohio.....	1,154.20
Oklahoma	1,694.40
Oregon	398.00
Pennsylvania	965.40
Puerto Rico.....	460.00

Rhode Island.....	30.00
South Carolina.....	792.30
South Dakota.....	295.30
Tennessee	1,622.00
Texas	3,970.20
Utah	291.20
Vermont	64.40
Virginia	987.30
Washington	597.70
West Virginia.....	533.60
Wisconsin	1,463.30
Wyoming	151.20
TOTAL DUES COLLECTED.....	\$ 39,581.20

**Future Farmers Supply Service
Statement of Operations**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

	Stockroom	Drop Shipment	Total
Sales	\$753,529.05	\$662,387.85	\$1,415,916.90
Cost of Goods Sold:			
Inventory, July 1, 1962.....	113,974.35		113,974.35
Purchases	445,358.33	476,998.02	922,356.35
Lettering Cost	38,705.37		38,705.37
Freight In	4,434.30		4,434.30
Shipping Charges		19,110.99	19,110.99
	602,472.35	496,109.01	1,098,581.36
Less: Inventory, June 30, 1963....	121,597.76		121,597.76
Cost of Goods Sold.....	480,874.59	496,109.01	976,983.60
Gross Profit	\$272,654.46	\$166,278.84	438,933.30
EXPENSE:			
Salaries	\$145,549.12		
Royalties	84,954.57		
Freight and Postage.....	40,002.89		
Advertising	11,220.36		
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....	4,924.72		
Wrapping and Shipping Materials and Supplies....	6,927.14		
Rent	20,000.00		
Legal and Accounting.....	4,750.00		
Depreciation	8,548.84		
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,507.41		
Insurance	2,527.67		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	1,257.36		
Social Security Taxes.....	5,239.05		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,166.29		
Travel	4,238.54		
Truck and Auto Expense.....	1,298.72		
Merchandise Losses.....	1,298.73		
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....	4,290.10		
Office Expense.....	1,434.78		
Retirement Expense.....	6,949.20		
Miscellaneous Expense.....	26.60		
			359,112.09
			79,821.21

OTHER INCOME:

Interest Income	\$ 2,408.34
Discounts Received	1,042.09
Miscellaneous Income	1,849.33
Gain on Sale of Equipment.....	3,536.72
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Discounts and Allowances.....	3,640.78
Bad Debts	263.99
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Net Excess of Income for the Year.....	\$ 84,252.92
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OTHER EXPENSE:

Discounts and Allowances.....	3,640.78
Bad Debts	263.99
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Net Excess of Income for the Year..... \$ 84,252.92

**The National Future Farmer
Statement of Income and Expense**

Year Ended June 30, 1963

INCOME

Advertising	\$296,039.50
Less: Space Discounts.....	\$ 7,417.15
Agency Commissions.....	42,225.93
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Subscriptions	93,004.13
Less: State Association Discounts.....	9,012.65
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Single Copy Sales.....	62.45
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Total Income from Magazine.....	330,450.35
Calendars	78,379.29
Less: Returns and Allowances.....	53.05
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Binder Sales—Net.....	33.67
Calendar Reprint Sales—Net.....	11.93
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Total Income.....	408,822.19

EXPENSE

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION COST:

Printing	144,395.75
Magazine Postage.....	8,621.60
Engraving	6,766.22
Jokes and Articles.....	8,401.14
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168,184.71

ADVERTISING:

Salaries	35,128.99
Travel	15,581.11
Advertising Representatives'	
Commissions	2,136.12
Advertising Salesmen's	
Commissions	3,736.41
Promotional	10,018.95
Miscellaneous	178.09
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66,779.67

EDITORIAL:

Salaries	11,583.48
Travel	1,084.80
Miscellaneous	123.75

12,792.03

CIRCULATION:

Salaries	27,087.29
Promotional	3,965.15
Travel	440.72
Miscellaneous	26.27

CALENDAR:

Printing	22,643.32
Sales Commissions	24,772.30
Salaries	14,554.19
Promotional	5,792.43
Unsold Calendars.....	6,020.53
Art and Photographs.....	2,000.00
Travel	1,212.50
Direct Postage.....	70.44
Miscellaneous	167.27

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries	27,313.95
Rent	10,000.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,906.93
Postage and Express.....	2,161.22
Depreciation	2,625.41
Travel	1,044.78
Social Security Expense.....	3,216.32
Employees' Retirement Expense.....	3,503.52
Stationery and Supplies.....	2,790.44
Printing Supplies.....	327.01
Audit and Legal.....	859.00
Insurance	551.85
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	673.31
Expired Due Bills.....	386.44
Repair to Office Equipment.....	601.92
Miscellaneous	129.50

Net Excess of Expense from Operations..... (5,778.23)

OTHER EXPENSE:

Cash Discounts—Advertisers.....	4,587.69
Bad Debts.....	910.07
Shortage28

5,498.04

OTHER INCOME:

Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets.....	736.11
Miscellaneous	256.90

993.01

4,505.03

Net Excess of Expense over Income..... \$(10,283.26)

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1963—JUNE 30, 1964

BALANCE ON HAND—July 1, 1963..... \$110,766.47

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 38,000.00
Royalties:	
*Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 81,000.00
Fair Publishing House.....	325.00
St. Louis Button Company.....	100.00
	<u>81,425.00</u>
Rent:	
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	20,000.00
FFA Magazine	10,000.00
	<u>30,000.00</u>
**Grant:	
Future Farmers Supply Service (Out of current income).....	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	<u>164,475.00</u>

BALANCE ON HAND PLUS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS..... \$275,241.47

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

I. TRAVEL

National Officers.....	\$ 14,500.00
Board of Directors.....	2,500.00
Special Travel (National Staff).....	5,000.00
Development of Regional and National Programs	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>

II. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegate Expense.....	5,570.00
Printing	6,140.00
National Band	2,500.00
Secretarial Travel and Expense.....	1,350.00
Pageant Program	500.00
Talent	1,200.00
Exhibits	1,000.00
Leadership Training Demonstration.....	500.00
FFA Donors Reception.....	560.00
Stenotypist	350.00
Photographs and Publicity.....	575.00
Communications	150.00
Rental of Equipment, and Supplies.....	705.00
Decorations and New Equipment.....	2,710.00
Labor	1,125.00
Miscellaneous	370.00
	<u>25,305.00</u>

III. AWARDS

American Farmer Keys.....	3,700.00
Certificates and Awards.....	1,400.00
	<u>5,100.00</u>

*Based on 6% of \$1,350,000.00 gross sales.

**Final payment on warehouse indebtedness.

IV. PRINTING (National Office)		
Farm Safety Booklet.....	2,500.00	
Stationery and Brochures.....	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
		<u>3,750.00</u>
V. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE		
Salaries	28,890.00	
Travel—Director of Public Relations.....	2,000.00	
National FFA Week Material.....	2,250.00	
Supplies, Equipment and Rental.....	2,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	225.00	
Postage and Express.....	300.00	
Repair and Adjustment.....	125.00	
Complimentary Subscriptions to		
NFFA Magazine.....	1,000.00	
FFA Calendars.....	600.00	
Photographs	900.00	
Public Relations.....	600.00	
Health Insurance.....	150.00	
Legal and Auditing.....	350.00	
Social Security Tax.....	800.00	
Board Meetings—Coiner.....	125.00	
Subscriptions to Prof. Journals.....	30.00	
Handbooks, Reference for National Officers.....	30.00	
Insurance for National Officers.....	190.00	
Brochures (Vo-Ag) 1 per department.....	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
		<u>42,265.00</u>
VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.....		\$ 2,000.00
VII. JUDGING EXPENSES		700.00
VIII. FFA BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS		
Maintenance, Fuel, and Repair.....	\$ 20,000.00	
Painting	1,000.00	
Taxes	750.00	
Depreciation (Reserve Fund).....	10,000.00	
		<u>31,750.00</u>
IX. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
Travel	3,300.00	
Subsistence (per diem).....	2,200.00	
Printing FFA Materials		
(Foreign Language)	600.00	
FFA Brochures, Manuals, Etc.....	100.00	
Color Slides of FFA Activities—50.....	200.00	
Complimentary FFA Magazine		
Subscriptions (200)	200.00	
Incidentals (Med. Ins., Etc.)	100.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
		<u>6,800.00</u>
X. CONTINGENT		250.00
		<u><u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....</u></u>
		<u><u>\$141,920.00</u></u>

Committee Reports

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the books kept by J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, and Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

The Auditing Committee has also reviewed the financial statement submitted by the FFA Treasurer, J. M. Campbell, for the period July 1, 1963 through September 30, 1963 and is satisfied that funds for this period have been collected and expended in accordance with the financial budget approved by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Directors at their meeting in July, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bleck, Wisconsin (*Chairman*)
Butch Boyd, Arkansas
David Keisler, South Carolina
Max R. Swackhamer, Indiana
Ron Lewis, Nevada

Report of the Convention Proceedings Committee

We, the committee on the Convention Proceedings for 1963, recommend the following ideas and changes:

1. That the cover of the 1963 Convention Proceedings be the same basic design as the cover of the 1963 convention program.
2. That the major sections of the contents be arranged in much the same manner as used in last year's Proceedings.
3. That in addition to the names of the official delegates, those of the first alternate delegate be listed.
4. That members of the National FFA Band be recognized by listing their names, States, and instrument.
5. That the speeches of the finalists in the National Public Speaking Contest be printed in the Convention Proceedings.
6. That pictures in the proceedings include:
 - a. Exterior of the Municipal Auditorium much like that which appeared on the covers of the 35th Convention Program and Proceedings.
 - b. National FFA Band as they perform in the Arena at the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show on FFA Day.
 - c. Others that have been traditional in the proceedings.
7. That the proceedings continue to be sent to donors to the

National FFA Foundation, Inc., speakers at the convention and to each chapter so that it can be used as a reference in a permanent file, for meetings and in easy access for each local member.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stitzlein, Ohio (*Chairman*)
David Geiman, Jr., Virginia
John Parks, Georgia
Karl Salzsieder, Washington
Flint Freeman, California
Wesley Hair, Connecticut
Ralph Loxley, Rhode Island

Report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee recommend the following:

1. Any chapter desiring to have additional supplies or changes in supplies included in the Future Farmers Supply Service catalogue, should submit in writing, their recommendations before January 1, in order that the suggestions may be considered at the January meeting of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

2. The National Boards of Directors and Student Officers should consider the merit of making available a blazer type sport jacket (fraternity style) with the FFA emblem on it. This jacket should be available only to FFA advisors.

3. The Future Farmers Supply Service should make available recordings of the National Public Speaking Contest.

4. Chapters aware of their annual supply needs should send orders early to avoid the seasonal rush during the last quarter of each calendar year.

5. The date the order is needed when placing rush orders should be stated for the benefit of both the Supply Service and the person desiring the order.

6. Each chapter member should print neatly, including the proper lettering and state the size of article desired, and in return, this order should meet the approval of the chapter advisor before forwarding it to the Supply Service.

The committee commends the Future Farmers Supply Service for the very efficient and accomodating service provided to the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Beriny Mays, Texas (*Chairman*)
Randall Ray, Wisconsin
Fred Emerich, Wyoming
Larry Vick, Tennessee
Creighton Nobui, Hawaii
Marvin E. Head, Michigan

Report of the Leadership Training Committee

We, as the committee, feel that there has been too little emphasis on leadership training in the past and, therefore, recommend increased stress on leadership training. Thus, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the National FFA Organization hold an annual leadership training conference in Washington, D. C.
 - a. To give State officers an opportunity to see the Nation's Capital city and their respective legislators.
 - b. To provide State officers with the privilege of watching the national officers working as a team and with the chance to visit the National FFA Headquarters.
 - c. To acquaint State officers with all national and other State officers.
 - d. To acquaint State officers with other States' activities and the national organization.
2. That the Convention Planning Committee include leadership demonstrations in their plans for the national convention.
3. That the national officers plan the National Leadership Conference and be available to provide inspiration at the leadership training sessions.
 - a. To develop techniques through participation in organized leadership activities.
4. That national officers be available to assist at the State Leadership Conferences.
 - a. To provide inspiration and opportunity for State officers to reach goals of highest nature in the FFA.
 - b. To explain methods of carrying out responsibilities and duties to the State officers.
5. That, before the national officers set any date or place for the National Leadership Training Conference, the national office survey each State to determine the following:
 - a. Choice of dates for leadership training conference.
 - b. States' suggestions and program ideas.
 - c. Available facilities for a conference.
6. That all expenses excepting travel be borne by the State associations and that travel expenses be borne by the national organization for not more than six officers and one adult consultant per State on a pro-rated basis.
7. That on years when a National Leadership Training Conference is not feasible, two sub-regional conferences be held in each region.

These will be set up much like the national meeting only on a smaller scale with fewer national officers. Though the advantages are not as numerous, the objectives are the

same. The expenses would be provided for in the same manner as in the national conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dobson, Idaho

(Chairman)

Russell George, Colorado

Donald Cooper, Massachusetts

Robert Page, Georgia

Lowell Koontz, Virginia

Joe Detrixhe, Kansas

Gary Ludwig, Illinois

Dennis Wisecup, Colorado

Report of the National Convention Committee

We the members of the 1963 National Convention Committee commend the national officers for their very detailed planning of the 1963 convention program and for the improvement in delegates' information.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Student Officers and Board of Directors for their consideration in the hope of improving our next convention:

1. All committees be notified prior to the convention as to members, chairmen, and duties so that adequate time for information study may be allotted, with the exception of the nominating committee which possibly might have some bearing on the election of national officers.
2. A study has been conducted and we find:
 - a. We tend to stress relationship and honors to a higher degree than basic business and leadership activities.
 - b. We recognize that leadership activities are increasing, but suggest that more emphasis be placed on this.
 - c. In recent years a half day has been given for committee work in the middle of the convention. We would like to commend the national officers for the improved time in which these are now held. This has been proven by the increased transaction of business by the delegates.
3. Analyze the donors relationship in the convention.
 - a. Could the donors be used in a more active way to give guidance to youth?
 - b. Consider whether representatives of donors have resources which could be brought into the convention program to demonstrate the future concern all people in agriculture have toward a strong rural America.
4. The emphasis of leadership activities initiated recently are somewhat narrow in scope and do not point toward the viewpoint

of the development as a whole person, equipped for the role of a future citizen in building a more effective total rural community.

5. Pageants such as this year's should be continued.

6. A current problem across the country is to improve the "image of Agriculture". What can be done in the convention program to present agriculture in such a way as to have a strong impact through the news releases toward an improved image of agriculture as a whole?

7. An activity be included in the program, to stimulate interest in the booklet "There is a Future in Your Farm Background" and the roll the FFA plays in this.

8. Time be allotted for recognition of school officials by introducing them as a group.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Miller, Kentucky
(Chairman)

Thomas Edgell, West Virginia

Robert Dobson, Kansas

Milt Diamond, Utah

Steven Torrey, Vermont

Larry Lemke, Arizona

David Herndon, Florida

Report of the Official National FFA Calendar Committee

In order to further promote the circulation of the Official National FFA Calendar, and realizing that the calendar is one of the most important FFA public relations activities, we as members of this Committee make the following recommendations:

1. To bring about increased participation on the chapter and State level, we suggest—
 - a. That each agriculture teacher in the various States receive an appropriate mailing of material pertinent to the calendar, in order to increase each member's knowledge concerning the calendar activities.
 - b. That national and State officers be encouraged to include brief comments about chapter projects in their remarks to FFA assemblies.
 - c. That the national officers assist in providing information to the new State officers and emphasize the importance of the National FFA Calendar Program.
 - d. That the activity be included in local, State and national programs of work under the division—Public Relations.
 - e. That appropriate articles be included in State and national FFA publications to familiarize each chapter with the three plans of the calendar program.

- f. That only OFFICIAL calendars be used by the local FFA chapters.
- g. That chapters be encouraged to assist their sponsors in distributing the calendars.
2. To increase the number of calendars being distributed—
 - a. Chapters impress upon prospective sponsors the benefits and advertising values of the calendar projects to his business.
 - b. Chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in calendar distribution.
 - c. Chapters provide the official FFA calendar as the room calendar for all classrooms in their local school system.
 - d. Local chapters be familiar with Plans A, B, and C of the Official Calendar Program, and encourage participation in Plan A, if at all possible.
3. The encouragement of distribution of all three calendar styles (booklet, indoor poster, desk) should be continued.
4. Chapters should be encouraged to place all orders in the spring, before summer vacation begins, to facilitate a more efficient calendar program.
5. Distribution of calendars where they will accomplish the greatest public relations benefits for Future Farmers of America should continue to be encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Hoppe, Louisiana
(Chairman)
Ron Franklin, Missouri
Nelson Carter, Nevada
Mickey Humphries, Alabama

Report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we, the National Foundation and Awards Committee of the 36th annual national convention, wish to express our appreciation to the many donors who make the National FFA Foundation possible. Through their aid, it is further possible to develop the aim and purposes of our organization, and recognize the accomplishments of our members.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. J. W. Keener, President of The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio, for his services as Chairman of the 1963 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Student Officers and the Board of Directors for their consideration:

1. Specific instructions be continued to the delegates concerning duties and responsibilities at the donor reception.

2. States be encouraged to invite donor representatives to their State conventions or award banquets.
3. In order to further recognize these donors—
 - a. The national officers send a list of donor representatives to each State office.
 - b. The State offices send a designated portion of these names to each local chapter in the State.
 - c. The individual chapters write letters of appreciation to their list of donors.
 - d. Local, district and State winners of Foundation awards write letters of appreciation to the Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
4. Chapters be encouraged to invite local donor representatives to their chapter banquets.
5. Include Farm and Home Beautification Awards in the Farm Proficiency Awards Program.
6. Encourage State FFA Associations to apply for all of the Farm Proficiency Awards available to them.
7. More chapters participate in the National Chapter Awards Program through—
 - a. Encouragement by State associations
 - b. National Future Farmer feature a special article on merits of receiving the Superior Chapter Rating.
 - c. National officers continue to emphasize the importance of the National Chapter Awards Program.
8. That State associations continue to encourage local chapters to use the Farm Proficiency medals.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Keathley, Arkansas
(Chairman)

Bruce Anderson, New York

Ronnie Fielder, Tennessee

Julio C. Ramirez, Puerto Rico

Alan Folda, Montana

Stephen Grace, New Hampshire

Report of the National FFA Magazine Committee

We, the members of the 1963 Magazine Committee hereby submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. All subscriptions to be filled out accurately in ink (printed or typed) and include the full name, route and box number or street, city and State. A place should be added for the zip code of the subscriber. Numerous subscribers never receive their copies of the magazine because of insufficient mailing addresses or illegible mail-

ing addresses. We, therefore, encourage and stress the importance of the above.

2. Encourage members and advisors to write letters, giving personal views of the magazine and any suggestions for improvement.

3. Suggest the continued use of articles by or about national officers to better acquaint local chapter members with the national organization and its officers. Also, we suggest that space be made available for the national officers to write pertinent articles about their activities.

4. Encourage State associations to stress the importance of local chapters, collegiate chapters and State associations by sending in articles and pictures to be used in the national FFA magazine. These articles need not be "polished" but rather basic materials dealing with activities in each respective State.

- a. Articles should be accompanied by one or more descriptive pictures.
- b. Pictures should be a minimum of 5" x 7"; and preferably 8" x 10", if available.
- c. Make sure that articles are correct and timely.

5. Encourage the national organization, State associations and local chapters to give a subscription of the magazine to those awarded honorary degrees; and have the national FFA magazine made available in as many public places as possible.

6. Recommend that members continue their subscription after they are out of high school.

7. Commend members of the national FFA magazine staff for attending the numerous State conventions and encourage them to continue this practice.

8. Suggest that State officers make mention of the national FFA magazine in their chapter visits and point out the value of the magazine and take steps to encourage members to subscribe.

9. Because much of the responsibility for carrying out these recommendations rests on the State associations and on local chapters, we recommend that this report be published in The National FUTURE FARMER and/or in the newsletter prepared by the magazine staff.

10. The committee urges that the Boards of Student Officers and Directors continue and intensify their research into the possibility of publishing more issues of the national FFA magazine per year.

11. We recommend that articles be published along the lines of State and local leadership training, and career opportunities in agriculture.

12. The Editor, Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors are to be given full authority to make any and all changes

deemed necessary and advisable in this report for the betterment of the magazine.

We wish to commend the staff for their improvement of the magazine in having more and better articles, and a large circulation.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of the magazine. Our thanks also go to Mr. Wilson Carnes and his staff for their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Perrigo, New Hampshire
(Chairman)

William Millar, Indiana

James Sattler, New York

Edwin Lineberry, North Carolina

Paul Vaughn, New Mexico

Lawrence Rotti, Massachusetts

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK

1963-1964

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Awards for Achievements In Farming	Cooperate in administering and promoting the FFA Foundation Awards Program to provide appropriate awards for farming achievements by FFA members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer and give Achievement in Farming Awards to FFA members. b. Distribute to local chapters appropriate Foundation medals. c. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies. d. Revise and distribute forms as necessary.
2. Publicity of Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give recognition for outstanding achievements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute news releases about national award winners. b. Publicize achievements of award winners.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperate in making film of "4-Star Farmers" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make records available to producers. b. Assist in showing of film at national convention. c. Make film available at local, State and regional levels.
II. COOPERATION		
1. National Farm Organizations	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union, Farm Institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. ¹ Dairy Cattle Congress	Participate in Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and National Dairy Products Contest. b. Confer National Dairy Farming awards c. Arrange for public appearances by award winners and officers. d. Make national officers available for programs and public relations activities.
3. American Royal Live Stock Show	Participation in Ameri- can Royal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal. b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade. c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
4. Farm Ex- positions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at Eastern States Ex- position, NEPPCO, Mid-South Fair, Den- ver National Western, and other State, re- gional or national ex- positions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate. b. Assist with exhibits, exposition, pageants, etc. c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA.
5. International Educational Exchange Program	Coordinate and assist State Department in training program with Future Farmers from other countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange training program for trainees and coordinate programs with State associations. b. Arrange to have the exchange students attend important FFA events, such as Dairy Cattle Congress, National Convention, Eastern States Exposition, etc. c. Arrange for a national officer and staff member to participate in the exchange program when desired by State Department.
6. American Vocational Association	Participate in AVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Arrange for a national officer to attend if requested. b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State association or the national organization.
7. National Safety Council	Participate in National Safety Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have a national FFA officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago. b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.
8. Farm-City Week	Participate in Farm- City Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.
9. Business, Industry and other Or- ganizations	Foster better under- standing of business and industry to agri-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, filmstrips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
10. Youth Organizations	culture, and encourage service to the FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.
11. Civil Defense	Participate in worthwhile activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide national officer representation at national meetings of other youth organizations when invited. b. Invite representatives of other youth organizations to national FFA convention.
12. Peace Corps	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fallout shelters, civil defense needs, etc. b. Encourage local chapters and State associations to contact appropriate civil defense agencies concerning the distribution of information on fallout shelters, civil defense, etc.
	Cooperate and assist Peace Corps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist Peace Corps in advisory and/or leadership activities. b. Encourage individual participation of FFA members in FFA/NFA Peace Corps.

III. SERVICES TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

1. National Officers	To make maximum use of National FFA Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have each State convention attended by one national officer. b. Participate in other important State FFA leadership activities, i.e. State officers training, etc. c. Participate in other activities where and when of value to the FFA.
2. Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available official FFA supplies from one source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service.
3. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	Provide a National magazine for members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer publication of magazine. b. Keep States and local chapters informed of FFA activities and events. c. Have staff attend State activities, or regional meetings. d. Members submit articles for publication. e. Complimentary copies be given to honorary members.
	100% of all FFA members to subscribe to magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recommend that magazine subscription rate be collected with FFA membership dues on a chapter level.
4. Official FFA Calendar	Make available an Official FFA Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer publication of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar. c. States and chapters to use calendar for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity.
5. Future Farmers of	To make maximum use of Foundation awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acquaint State associations and local chapters with Foundation.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
America Foundation, Inc.	All States participate in Public Speaking, Chapter Award Program, Farm Proficiency Awards and Judging contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Prepare and distribute appropriate information about awards available from Foundation. c. Administer the selection of regional and national Foundation award winners. d. Direct the distribution of Foundation Awards to State associations. <p>a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with awards programs.</p> <p>b. Prepare, simplify, and distribute forms.</p> <p>c. Supervise Public Speaking Contest, Judging Contests, National Chapter Award Program and Farm Proficiency Awards.</p> <p>d. Make available appropriate plaques, awards, certificates, etc.</p>
6. FFA Building and Property	Supervise, operate and maintain real estate, building and equipment owned by the FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer operation and maintenance of FFA Building. b. Landscape and maintain beauty of building grounds. c. Rent basement and 1st floor to Supply Service. d. Rent 2nd floor to The National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Keep adequate insurance. f. Build and maintain adequate facilities. a. Use State Stones, Large Emblem, etc.
7. Publications	Build appropriate FFA marker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Convention. b. Revise and keep up to date through the FFSS an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA, that can be used by lay people and prospective students of vocational agriculture. c. Revise and keep up to date a Handbook for National FFA Officers. d. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters. e. Revise and keep up to date the Official FFA Manual. f. Assist with the preparation of FFA Foundation publications.
8. FFA Film-strips	Produce filmstrips and colored slides which provide general information on FFA, National FFA Convention Good-Will Tour and Proper Use of the FFA Jacket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Slides and filmstrips to be used by FFA members and others when speaking before groups. b. Have filmstrips and slides sold by Future Farmers Supply Service.
9. Correspondence	Provide information on FFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with new developments pertaining to FFA. b. Acquaint others with important activities of the organization.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Leadership Training	Emphasize training in citizenship Hold Regional Leadership Conferences for State Officers Provide leadership training at national convention	c. Handle correspondence in relation to FFA problems by chapters, State associations and others. a. Encourage program on citizenship at national convention. b. Provide materials on citizenship to State associations and local chapters. c. Assist and cooperate with State associations. b. Assign national officers to participate. c. Furnish material, personnel, etc., as needed for conferences. a. Provide financial assistance to State leadership demonstrations. b. Provide time on program for leadership training.
2. Citizenship Training	Provide training in Citizenship	a. Include in leadership training at national convention and also at the regional training conferences.
V. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. National Meetings	Administer FFA Affairs Hold National Convention in Kansas City	a. Hold three meetings annually of National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. b. Attend and assist with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of FFA Foundation. a. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others. b. Continue to organize a Courtesy Corps and Usher Committee to assist in the national convention activities. c. Continue to use the National FFA Band at the national convention and participate in the activities of the American Royal Live Stock & Horse Show.
VI. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Budget	Carry out authorization of convention delegates and Boards	a. Prepare a budget. b. Expend funds as authorized.
2. Finance	Adequately finance FFA	a. Receive National FFA dues. b. Collect royalties from official calendar. c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items. d. Receive portion of funds earned by Future Farmers Supply Service and National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Receive rents from the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National Future Farmer Magazine.
VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Good-Will Tour	Plan and conduct	a. Visit donors to FFA Foundation. b. Visit other companies, organizations

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and Official FFA Calendar	Distribute magazine and calendar to those who should be kept informed about the organization	and individuals who should know about FFA. a. National organization, make subscriptions available to donors, influential individuals and organizations. b. Chapters and State associations to provide complimentary copies for appropriate offices and individuals. c. Use the Official FFA Calendar for public relations.
3. FFA Speakers	Prepare national officers and make them available for speaking	a. Schedule officers to speak before national and State groups, farm organizations and service clubs when requested.
4. Radio and TV	Participate in radio and TV programs	a. Schedule radio and TV programs in connection with National FFA Convention and other special activities. b. Schedule radio and TV programs at other appropriate times during the year, such as National FFA Week. c. Encourage networks to present State and local programs featuring the FFA. d. Prepare suggested scripts and other material for use by radio and TV. e. Attend meetings of National Association of Radio and Television Farm Directors.
5. Newspapers and Magazines	Provide information on FFA activities, outstanding members and Foundation Award winners	a. Make available information on FFA to writers for magazines and press. b. Prepare appropriate news releases and stories for use of magazines and the agricultural press. c. Provide "suggested stories" for use by State associations. d. Maintain FFA photographic file in national office. e. Attend national meetings of American Agricultural Editors' Association.
6. Informational materials	Keep and distribute informational materials	a. Maintain a supply of materials about the FFA. b. Provide such materials to give to people desiring information about FFA. c. Keep up to date a mailing list of people who should receive information about the organization. d. Cooperate with the State Department making FFA information available upon request.
7. Educational Exchange with Foreign Countries	Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries	a. Cooperate with the International Education Division of the USOE in working with foreign visitors. b. Provide informational material to these people. c. Invite visitors from foreign countries

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
Sponsor Foreign Educational Exchange Program		<p>to attend the National FFA Convention.</p> <p>d. Help foreign visitors schedule visits to State associations.</p>
8. Exhibits	Make available exhibit materials	<p>a. Cooperate with the Department of State in educational programs with friendly countries.</p> <p>b. Make national officers and other personnel available to serve upon request.</p> <p>a. Provide pictures, charts and other materials and information for the FFA exhibits.</p> <p>b. Arrange for exhibits to be used at national meetings, educational conferences, agricultural fairs and other occasions.</p> <p>c. Exhibits at national convention should conform to National FFA Week theme.</p>
9. National FFA Week	Emphasize FFA nationally	<p>a. Prepare aids for State associations and chapters, including suggestions for radio and TV scripts, news stories, mats, seals, speeches and chapter activities.</p> <p>b. Arrange for materials to be purchased through the Supply Service by States and local chapters.</p> <p>c. Have material for FFA week on display at national convention.</p> <p>d. Sell outdoor billboard posters through the Future Farmers Supply Service.</p>
10. Promote Agriculture	Emphasize the importance and also the opportunities in agriculture	<p>a. Develop and use publicity on a national level.</p> <p>b. Solicit the support of national magazines and newspapers.</p> <p>c. State associations work with their State colleges and/or universities of agriculture.</p>
11. Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the FFA	Suitable awards on the national, State and local levels to be given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA	<p>a. Confer the honorary degree upon those earning award.</p> <p>b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.</p> <p>c. Make appropriate plaques and other awards available for presentation.</p> <p>d. Confer appropriate plaque for service to the organization.</p>
12. Honorary Degree	Award to persons whose contributions to the FFA have been outstanding	<p>a. Confer the honorary degree upon individuals who have served FFA and have helped advance vocational agriculture.</p> <p>b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.</p>
VIII. RECREATION	Provide good talent and entertainment at	<p>a. Use adult assistants.</p> <p>b. Audition musical units and talent</p>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
Recreation	the national convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Provide for talent show on convention program. d. Provide for financial assistance for talent members.
	Provide recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organize tours to points of interest. b. Use Kansas City Advisory Committee to assist with tours.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Armbruster, Oklahoma
(Chairman)
 O. A. Cleveland, Jr., Mississippi
 David Phillips, Montana
 Rich Burns, Washington
 Edward Heilman, Nebraska
 Roger Beaulieu, Maine
 Mike Mowrer, Missouri

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1963-64. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates consideration:

President.....	NELS J. ACKERSON, Indiana
Student Secretary.....	JON FORD, Oklahoma
Central Vice President.....	JOSEPH FRANCIS COYNE, Illinois
No. Atlantic Vice President.....	JAMES WILLIAM TEETS, West Virginia
Pacific Vice President.....	JAN TURNER, Utah
Southern Vice President.....	MARVIN RAY GIBSON, Tennessee
Advisor.....	A. W. TENNEY, Washington, D. C.
Executive Secretary.....	WM. PAUL GRAY, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer.....	J. M. CAMPBELL, Richmond, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

Max Lee Kiehne, New Mexico
(Chairman)
 Donnie Doan, Texas
 Fred Whitelaw, Jr., Florida
 Robert Kraner, Jr., Ohio
 Pat Neal, Oregon
 Daniel R. Lerfald, North Dakota
 William J. Scott, Jr., Vermont
 Don R. Olsen, Colorado
 R. Glenn Cox, Connecticut

Report of the Official FFA Manual Committee

After reviewing the 1963 Official FFA Manual and the report of the 1962 Manual Committee, we recommend the following changes in the 1964 edition:

1. All pictures be reviewed and brought up to date.
2. Add to list of reference books on Page 124 "I Dare You" by William Danforth.
3. Add to Code of Ethics "Refrain from smoking while wearing the Official FFA Jacket, or representing the organization."
4. The asterisk and italics be removed from question of privilege, because as it now stands, it is in error. (Page 63).
5. Item 12, the term "debatable" should be changed to "debate" for clarification. (Page 64).
6. We also recommend that a committee be appointed and given time to further study the Official FFA Manual with power to revise and reorganize the Manual as it sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

James Faucette, North Carolina
(Chairman)
Jerry Michel, Wyoming
Myron Sonne, South Dakota
Nick C. Scholzen, Utah
E. Eugene Gantz, Pennsylvania
Harold Aycock, Mississippi
Jimmie C. Concord, Kentucky
Robert L. Kelly, Kentucky

**Report of the Committee on the Program of Work—
Local Guide**

The Committee on the Program of Work—Local Guide, submits the following report:

After studying the Guide for Local Chapters to use in developing a Program of Work, the Committee feels that the present Guide, as printed in the 1963 revised edition of the Official FFA Manual is complete and adequate, except for the recommended change in Division III, Community Service, Activity Three, Community Improvement, Ways and Means add "d. Each Chapter Sponsor Community Projects."

It is a general recommendation that each chapter submit a program of work to the State office each year, in order to be eligible for competition above the local level in all FFA activities.

It is also suggested that all committee chairmen be sent a notice

that they are to head a committee and receive material on the committee duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Hardy, Minnesota
(Chairman)

Collis Brown, Arizona
Johnny Clardy, South Carolina
David Childs, West Virginia
Douglas Kuhn, Nebraska
Luis Talavera, Puerto Rico

Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the Committee on Public Relations for 1963-64, go on record recommending the following:

1. That local chapters be encouraged to select outstanding members and representatives to speak before farm, business, civic, youth groups and like organizations; emphasizing a Farm-City Youth Week, and encourage continued working relations with other youth organizations.
2. That more interviews, speeches and planned programs be encouraged on radio and TV stations creating more interest in the FFA.
3. That the national organization, State associations and local chapters make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by an increased use of newspaper coverage, display aides, advertisement folders, billboard signs, radio and television, and by speaking to farm, business, civic and youth groups, and that each State recognize National FFA Week by having the Governor sign an official proclamation declaring the week as National FFA Week.
4. That the national officers continue the National Good-Will Tour with the possibility of visiting more States in different areas of the nation. State associations and local chapters are also encouraged to conduct more of these tours.
5. That each State association organize a leadership training program for chapter officers emphasizing the role of chapter officers in regard to FFA public relations.
6. That State associations be encouraged to edit State FUTURE FARMER publications for distribution to the State membership, Foundation Donors, and friends of the FFA.
7. That State associations and local chapters make appropriations to buy extra subscriptions to the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, orders for the official FFA calendar, and that they be placed in high schools, colleges, and various public places.
8. That the cooperation and expansion of FFA educational exchange programs between the U. S. and foreign countries be supported and encouraged.

9. That State reporters send lists of their States' outstanding public relations activities to the national office and that a report of these activities be prepared for use of State associations.

10. That delegates, award winners, guests at luncheons, breakfasts and dinners (National, State and local functions) express their appreciation to the sponsors by personal notes.

11. That State associations and local chapters make use of films produced on national, State and local levels by showing them at clubs, banquets and assemblies.

12. That we continue to express appreciation by presentations of honorary degrees on the local, State and national levels to worthy individuals who have contributed to the FFA. It is further recommended that appropriate recognition be given to these men at Christmas time.

13. That local chapters and State associations be encouraged to use more exhibits and "Children's Barnyards" at local and State fairs, and that those on display be improved.

14. That State associations encourage exchange of officers with other States in regard to State conventions and that national officers be included as one of the convention program highlights. It is also recommended that State associations and local chapters invite school administrators, businessmen, Foundation donors, and others interested in the FFA to local and statewide activities.

15. It is also recommended that each Future Farmer be encouraged to develop his own individual public relations program.

16. That the following theme be considered for National FFA Week, 1965—"AGRICULTURE-FREEDOM-RESPONSIBILITY."

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Slater, Illinois
(Chairman)

John Varner, Alabama

Larry Carvalho, Hawaii

Russ Bowman, Oregon

Curtis Hage, Minnesota

Benhart Varnson, North Dakota

Carl E. Ginder, Pennsylvania

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Be it resolved that we, the Committee on Resolutions for 1963, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, extend our most heartfelt and sincere thanks as an organization who participated in, and contributed to the outstanding and wonderful success of the 36th national convention.

1. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for their interest in the FFA and generous contributions to the FFA Foundation, Inc.
2. The members of the Board of Directors and staff members of the national FFA organization and State staffs for their conscientious influence and effort, and continuing assistance in making this year's convention an even more worthwhile and memorable event.
3. The 1962-63 national officers for their efforts in developing innovations for a more interesting convention program, and for their humble and dedicated service to the Future Farmers of America organization.
4. The Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and the residents of his fine city for their most hearty and warm welcome.
5. All firms, organizations, and their representatives who are assisting the FFA by sponsoring valuable educational assistance.
6. The management and staff of Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium for their helpfulness which has always been shown toward the Future Farmers of America organization.
7. The Kansas City Advisory Committee, businessmen and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce for their efforts and services extended in making this a most worthwhile convention.
8. Mr. J. W. Keener, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for his consistent efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
9. The management of all housing facilities who have so kindly assisted in accommodations for our Future Farmer representatives.
10. All members who gave of their time to participate in the National FFA Band, and the State associations and community concerns who made this participation possible, thus adding to the enjoyment of the program.
11. A special word of thanks to Mr. R. Cedric Anderson and his assistants for their most outstanding work with the National FFA Band, which performed magnificently.
12. Victor Butler, past National FFA President, for his sincere strengthening and most meaningful invocation.
13. The ushers and courtesy corps for their dedication toward helping FFA members understand the functions of our convention, and for their help in safeguarding the image of our organization.

14. The judges and timekeepers for sacrificing their time and the work they did to help with the National FFA Public Speaking Contest.
15. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard, Mr. Harold Coons and the Keystone Steel and Wire Company for giving us the opportunity of being the first to view the movie "1963 Star Farmer of America" and for their support and continuing interest in our organization.
16. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for again providing outstanding entertainment for our enjoyment at the conclusion of the convention.
17. The many FFA talent team members and individuals who provided their talent for our enjoyment and entertainment under the direction of Mr. Don Erickson and Mr. Donavon Coil.
18. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for generously loaning us an organ for the National FFA Convention.
19. All State associations who prepared exhibits around the theme, "Agriculture—Dynamic Challenging." These helped in assisting people to better understand the FFA.
20. All firms that extended courtesies to the Future Farmers of America on tours and at attendance at other special functions of the convention.
21. All officials and participants in the various contests and awards programs, and other special activities.
22. The American Royal Association for sponsoring many wonderful programs for the support and enjoyment of the Future Farmers of America while in Kansas City.
23. All organizations of the press, TV and radio that have so kindly publicized the events occurring at this convention.
24. All honored guests and distinguished visitors from foreign countries for their appearance at the 36th annual convention.
25. The Pierce, Nebraska chapter for their work in helping with the Auditorium decorations.
26. The Michigan association, Dr. H. Paul Sweany and past national officers for their contribution to our inspiring Evening Vespers, which set the example of sincerity of purpose for an outstanding convention.
27. The dedicated personnel who maintain the high standards of quality in the FFA Supply Service, National FFA Magazine and Official FFA Calendar, and to the other adults who are affiliated with the FFA organization.
28. To Miss Mary Ann Beyer and Miss Diana Leonard for their part in the convention.

29. To all members and the various associations for their contribution to the program.
30. To our guest speakers—The Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Governor John H. Reed, Honorable Donald McDowell, Dr. Walter M. Arnold and Mr. Herschel D. Newsom.
31. All of those additional people who contributed so much to the wonderful success of the 36th national convention of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Smith, Maine
(Chairman)

Ladd Hudgins, Oklahoma

David Kelone, Louisiana

Randall Byers, Idaho

Gary Smith, Michigan

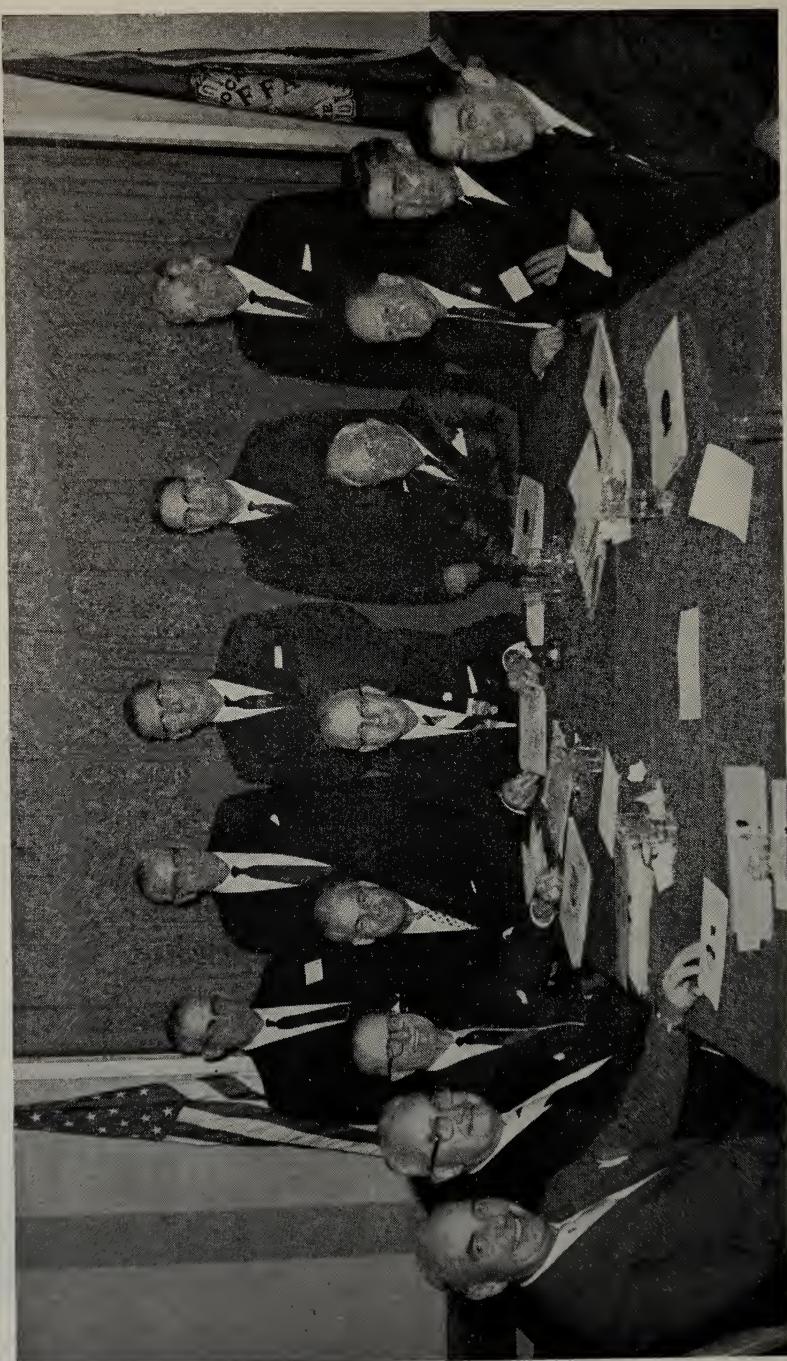
Terry McCarl, South Dakota

Peter Hendrick, Rhode Island



Soil from every State association was "gathered" at the 1959 National Convention. This year's national officers "planted the FFA tree" at the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

STAR FARMER JUDGES



National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were given to the other three Star Farmers.

Star Farmer of America
ROBERT A. CUMMINS
Warsaw, New York

Robert Cummins completed four years of vocational agriculture at the Warsaw Central High School in New York. He is now engaged in full-time dairy farming in partnership with an elderly neighbor, Mr. Clifford Elwell. Robert has full responsibility for operating and managing the farm and expects to complete the purchase of it after he becomes 21 years old this fall. His program includes 39 producing cows and 26 heifers, with 200 acres of land that is used for growing feed and pasture for the cattle.

←→ JUDGES FOR THE STAR FARMER OF AMERICA AWARD

Left to right, seated: Mr. Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea, Division Avco Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio; Dr. Wallace E. Gordon, General Manager, Industrial and Biochemicals Dept., E. I. duPont deNemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Mr. Bruce Lourie, Vice President, Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois; Mr. Russell DeYoung, President, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Dr. A. W. Tenney, National FFA Advisor, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Herschel D. Newsom, Master, The National Grange, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Roderick Turnbull, Farm Editor, The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. L. Emery Dearborn, General Operations Manager, Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.), Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan; Mr. R. S. Stevenson, President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Left to right, standing: Mr. Mark V. Keeler, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. A. C. Swanson, President, Western Auto Supply Company, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. J. W. Keener, President, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio; Mr. Donald N. McDowell, Director of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Madison, Wisconsin; Mr. Homer Young, President, Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri.



STAR AMERICAN FARMERS

Left to right: Stanley R. Amundson, Central Region, North Dakota Association; Dwayne Disney, Pacific Region, New Mexico Association; Jon Ronald Ford, Southern Region, Oklahoma Association; Robert Alton Cummins, Star Farmer of America, North Atlantic Region, New York Association.

The Star Farmer of America is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cummins. He was graduated from high school in 1960. The three Regional Star American Farmers are:

Stanley R. Amundson, Valley City, North Dakota
Dwayne Disney, Portales, New Mexico
Jon Ronald Ford, Helena, Oklahoma

National Chapter Award Program

One hundred and thirty-three local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 36th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City when awards were presented in the organization's National Chapter Award Program.

The National FFA Chapter Award Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Award Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and

cooperative effort and in crystalizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in State and national activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded 63 chapters in a special presentation Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, Silver Emblem awards were presented to 47 chapters, and Bronze Emblem to 23. The chapters were honored for their outstanding activity records during the 1962-63 school year.

Others received spurs to place on plaques previously awarded. The one hundred and thirty-three chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 8,476 local chapters. The winning chapters, listed by States, follow:

ALABAMA.....	Buckhorn Chapter, Huntsville, gold emblem; Carrollton Chapter, Carrollton, silver emblem; Jemison Chapter, Jemison, silver emblem; Sparkman Chapter, Toney, bronze emblem.
ARIZONA.....	Phoenix Union Chapter, Phoenix, gold emblem; Tempe Chapter, Tempe, gold emblem.
ARKANSAS.....	Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, silver emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, bronze emblem; Harmony Grove Chapter, Camden, bronze emblem; Leachville Chapter, Leachville, bronze emblem.
CALIFORNIA.....	Modesto Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Escalon Chapter, Escalon, bronze emblem; Madera Chapter, Madera, bronze emblem.
COLORADO.....	McClave Chapter, McClave, gold emblem; Platte Valley Chapter, Kersey, gold emblem.
CONNECTICUT.....	Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, gold emblem; Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, silver emblem.
FLORIDA.....	Bartow Chapter, Bartow, gold emblem; Paxton Chapter, Florala, Ala., gold emblem; Quincy Chapter, Quincy, gold emblem.
GEORGIA.....	Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, gold emblem; Seminole Chapter, Donalsonville, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Carrollton, silver emblem; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, silver emblem; Worth County Chapter, Sylvester, silver emblem.
HAWAII.....	Baldwin Chapter, Wailuku, Maui, silver emblem; Kapaa Chapter, Kapaa, Kauai, silver emblem.
IDAHO.....	Twin Falls Chapter, Twin Falls, gold emblem; Fruitland Chapter, Fruitland, silver emblem.
ILLINOIS.....	Champaign Chapter, Champaign, gold emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, gold emblem; Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, gold emblem; Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, silver emblem.
INDIANA.....	Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem; Hancock Central Chapter, Maxwell, silver emblem; Pennville Chapter, Pennville, silver emblem.
IOWA.....	Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, gold emblem; Waverly Shell Rock Chapter, Waverly, gold emblem.

KANSAS.....	Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth, gold emblem; Norton Chapter, Norton, silver emblem.
KENTUCKY.....	Livingston Central Chapter, Smithland, gold emblem; Memorial Chapter, Waynesburg, gold emblem; Bryan Station Chapter, Lexington, silver emblem; Daviess County Chapter, Owensboro, bronze emblem.
LOUISIANA.....	Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem; Cloutierville Chapter, Cloutierville, silver emblem; Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, silver emblem.
MAINE.....	Presque Isle Chapter, Presque Isle, silver emblem; Limestone Chapter, Limestone, bronze emblem.
MARYLAND.....	Damascus Chapter, Damascus, gold emblem; Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, gold emblem.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Stockbridge Chapter, Stockbridge, bronze emblem.
MICHIGAN.....	Bath Chapter, Bath, gold emblem; Byron Chapter, Byron, gold emblem; Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, bronze emblem.
MINNESOTA.....	Canby Chapter, Canby, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, silver emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, silver emblem.
MISSISSIPPI.....	Florence Chapter, Florence, silver emblem; Ethel Chapter, Ethel, bronze emblem; Morton Chapter, Morton, bronze emblem.
MISSOURI.....	Cassville Chapter, Cassville, silver emblem; Princeton Chapter, Princeton, silver emblem; West Plains Chapter, West Plains, silver emblem.
MONTANA.....	Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Fergus of Lewistown Chapter, Lewistown, bronze emblem.
NEBRASKA.....	Kearney Chapter, Kearney, gold emblem; Pender Chapter, Pender, gold emblem.
NEVADA.....	Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; White River Chapter, Lund, bronze emblem.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Alvirne Chapter, Hudson, silver emblem.
NEW JERSEY.....	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, gold emblem.
NEW MEXICO.....	Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Hatch Chapter, Hatch, gold emblem.
NEW YORK.....	Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, gold emblem.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Bunker Hill Chapter, Claremont, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Fayetteville, silver emblem; Fuquay Springs Chapter, Fuquay Springs, silver emblem; Sanford Central Chapter, Sanford, silver emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem; Windsor Chapter, Windsor, bronze emblem.
NORTH DAKOTA.....	A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Rugby Chapter, Rugby, gold emblem.
OHIO.....	Liberty Union Chapter, Baltimore, gold emblem; Jeromesville Chapter, Jeromesville, silver emblem; Paulding Chapter, Paulding, silver emblem.
OKLAHOMA.....	Owasso Chapter, Owasso, gold emblem; Davenport Chapter, Davenport, silver emblem; Muskogee Chapter, Muskogee, silver emblem; Marlow Chapter, Marlow, bronze emblem.
OREGON.....	Enterprise Chapter, Enterprise, silver emblem; Central-Linn Chapter, Halsey, bronze emblem.

PENNSYLVANIA.....	Union Area Chapter, New Castle, gold emblem; Laurel Chapter, New Castle, silver emblem; Little Lions Chapter, State College, silver emblem.
RHODE ISLAND.....	Coventry Chapter, Coventry, silver emblem; Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, silver emblem.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Fairforest Chapter, Fairforest, gold emblem; Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, silver emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Clark Chapter, Clark, bronze emblem; Webster Chapter, Webster, bronze emblem.
TENNESSEE.....	Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, gold emblem; Dickson Chapter, Dickson, gold emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, silver emblem; Jere Cooper Chapter, Dyersburg, bronze emblem.
TEXAS.....	Azle Chapter, Azle, gold emblem; Livingston Chapter, Livingston, gold emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, gold emblem; Brenham Chapter, Brenham, silver emblem; Sulphur Springs Chapter, Sulphur Springs, silver emblem; Whiteface Chapter, Whiteface, silver emblem; Midway Chapter, Waco, bronze emblem; Olton Chapter, Olton, bronze emblem.
UTAH.....	Hurricane Chapter, Hurricane, gold emblem; Millard Eagle Chapter, Fillmore, gold emblem.
VIRGINIA.....	Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, silver emblem.
WASHINGTON.....	Pomeroy Chapter, Pomeroy, gold emblem; Reardan Chapter, Reardan, gold emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem; Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, gold emblem.
WISCONSIN.....	Fort Atkinson Chapter, Fort Atkinson, gold emblem; Delavan-Darien Chapter, Delavan, silver emblem; Monroe Chapter, Monroe, silver emblem; Platteville Chapter, Platteville, silver emblem.
WYOMING.....	Saddle and Sirloin Chapter, Newcastle, gold emblem; Powell Chapter, Powell, silver emblem.

National FFA Public Speaking Contest

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest held in Kansas City is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then State contests, and Regional contests.

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The FFA Foundation provided \$2,950 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests. The four finalists divide a \$250 travel fund prorated on the basis of distance they must travel from their home States to Kansas City.

The winner of the national contest received \$250. Other awards are \$225 for second, \$200 for third, and \$175 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

Each contestant spoke 10 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring is done on the basis of the speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

SPEAKERS:

First Place —John M. Mowrer, Unionville, Missouri—"A Great Future"

Second Place—Dan Blackwell, Overton, Nevada—"The Free Farmer?"

Third Place —Judson Hemphill, Easton, Maine—"The Farmer Must Speak for Himself"

Fourth Place—William Gaytha Camp, Rockmart, Georgia—"Science, Nature, and Man"

JUDGES:

Bruce Davies, Farm Director, Station KFAB, Omaha, Nebraska

Milo J. Peterson, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Samuel W. White, Jr., President, Oliver Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

TIMEKEEPERS:

William C. Burk, Manager, Public Relations Department. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System, Chicago, Illinois

James A. Wickizer, Vice President, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Detroit, Michigan

A Great Future

By

John M. Mowrer, Unionville, Mo.



This is a new age, an age when complete organs of the human body are being replaced with mechanical counterparts, when machines are solving mathematical problems in a few seconds that ten years ago would have taken hours or even days. This is the age when space exploration and satellites are no longer found only in the science-fiction book, but are common-day terms. Yes, this is an age when men have both their thoughts and eyes turned skyward.

This, too, is the age when we hear on every hand, that man's oldest existing occupation—agriculture—is fast being shoved aside, that Agri-business as a whole is fighting for its very life and has lost its appeal as an employer. Untold numbers of "Prophets of Doom" are forecasting a dismal future for Agri-business. Before

we make our decision concerning the future of agriculture let us explore some interesting and revealing facts concerning this American Giant. What is it? What has happened to it? And what does the future really hold? In the late 1800's as the gigantic Industrial Revolution got a foothold in America and began grinding its way across the country-side, another slower, but no less important revolution was also taking place. This revolution, the agricultural revolution, basically was a change from farming merely as a way of life, to commercial farming, or farming as a business, accompanied by a shift in population from rural to urban areas.

This revolution brought drastic and meaningful changes to the face of America. The changes have continued until now, of the 65 million people employed in the United States, nearly 26 million are employed by Agri-business, that industrial giant made up of the producers, processors, distributors, and service personnel for farm products. Nearly 8 million Americans work on farms and ranches, producing food and fiber; another 7 million are engaged in producing for and servicing these 8 million farmers. Eleven million workers process and distribute farm products, and close to $1\frac{1}{2}$ million scientists are engaged in Agri-business work.

When totaled, nearly 40% of existing jobs in America today are in Agri-business, jobs vital to the well being of every American, jobs vital to our Country. Agri-business encompasses more than five hundred occupations, classified under 7 major fields. These general fields include, research, industry, education, communication, conservation, agri-service, and farming and ranching.

The last of these categories, farming and ranching, alone is definitely big business, for the farm today requires an average investment of over \$43,000. The total assets of farmers is an astounding 200 billion dollars, a figure equal to three-fourths the total assets of all the corporations in the United States.

Now, what progress has been and is being made? Is farming standing still? In answer to this question, I quote from a recent report prepared by a Governmental Committee, which stated that, "During the 1950's Agricultural Productivity increased 3 times as fast as that of any other industry, and that production per man hour of labor rose an estimated 90%". Does this sound like a dead or dying industry?

A survey conducted by Land-Grant Colleges showed that Agri-business needs an estimated 15,000 college graduates each year—but 15,000 aren't available, in fact not even half that number are available. Approximately 7000 young men and women graduate each year from our Agricultural Colleges, qualified to fill these 15,000 jobs, so in actuality, there are two futures awaiting the graduate in Agri-business.

We can readily see that farming itself is big business, a business vital not only to America's physical well being but of immeasurable importance to our national economy. We must also

realize that there are many individuals such as the vocational agriculture teacher, agricultural economist, agriculture insurance agents, agriculture journalists, the soil conservationist, the government regulatory and inspection officers and many more, who owe not only the very birth of their occupations to Agriculture, but they depend on the advancement of farming and Agri-business for their continuance.

Now let me pose another question. Isn't it true that the number of farms is decreasing and consequently the number of openings in the general field of Agri-business are also decreasing? The answer to the above question must be both yes and no, with the emphasis on the no. While the total number of farms has been declining, it is the small, inefficient farms that have been disappearing from the American countryside, while the larger, adequate income farms have actually increased in numbers. For example in the United States, between 1939 and 1959 there has been a decrease of over 1,800,000 farms with gross incomes of under \$5000.00, while during this same period the number of farms with incomes above \$5000.00 has increased over $\frac{1}{2}$ million. So, it would seem safe to conclude, that while the actual number of openings available in farming, for young men and women interested in farming, has actually declined, the remaining openings are more attractive and will furnish better opportunities for these young men and women. Thus this decline is not as disheartening as it appears on the surface.

As for the answer to the second part of the question, are opportunities declining in Agri-business, the answer must be a definite no. The number of openings in Agri-business are not declining even though the number of farms is declining. This decline in the number of opportunities in farming has been more than offset by the increase in the number of opportunities in the farm products servicing and processing fields.

We have seen the present and immediate future in Agri-business is very promising, but what about the more distant future, when the FFA members of today will be middle-aged? Will the year 2000 be a wonderful year for agriculture? To say for sure, is of course impossible, but we can observe and encourage individuals, groups and ideas which will in our opinion help to make the year 2000 a great one for agriculture. First, by this time, there will be more than 300 million Americans to feed and clothe, with less farmers to raise the products and with less land to do it. Secondly, it would seem probable that Government assistances, both technical and financial will not decrease to any great extent—the fact that America's Agriculture Progress is the one field where America has far out-stripped Russia, lends authority to this supposition.

Thirdly, and most important in my mind, is the fact that our country has an organization such as the FFA which has as its primary purpose "To develop, competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership". This statement of purpose holds within

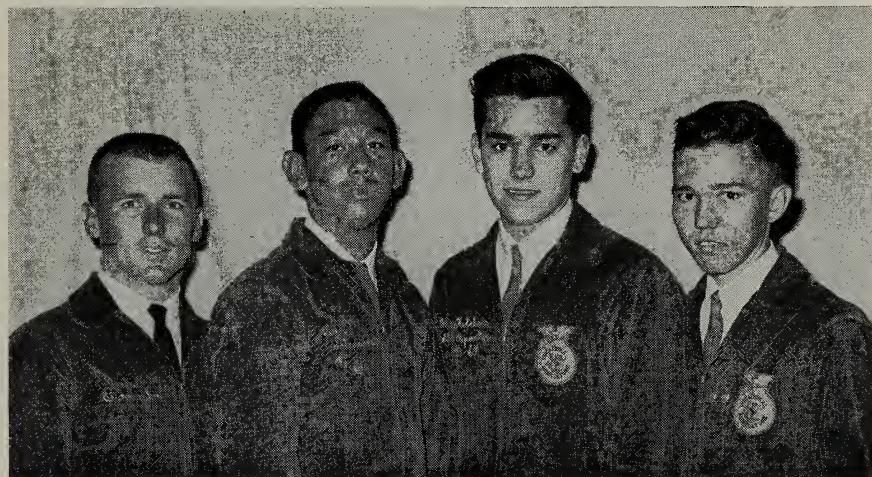
its words, a key; a key to the dynamic future of agriculture; a key to the future success of Agri-business and even more important the key to a Great America.

Yes, Agri-business does have a great future, and I intend to be a part of that future.

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Farm Safety



Representatives of chapters who received regional and national Farm Safety awards: left to right, Dale Prochaska, Simpson; Dan Sotomayor, Amphitheater; Henry Ketcham, Greenville; Randall Robinson, Saline.

1st Place—

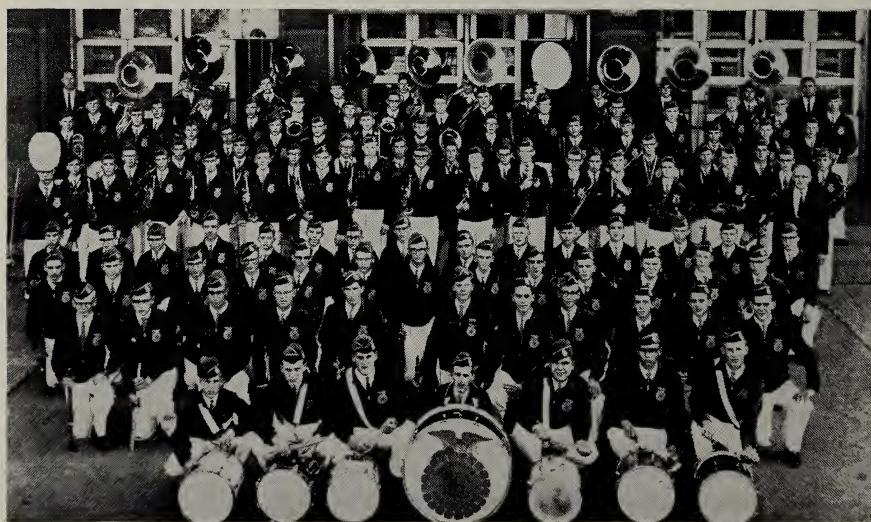
Simpson Chapter, Simpson, Kansas.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Greenville Chapter, Greenville, New York.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Amphitheater Chapter, Tuscon, Arizona	\$200.00
Southern Region—Saline Chapter, Saline, Louisiana	\$200.00

Summary Story Simpson Chapter

During the 1962-63 school year, members of the Simpson, Kansas FFA Chapter prepared and presented 64 radio programs over stations KNCK in Concordia, and KFRM in Kansas City. Topics included tractor and machinery safety, hunting safety, rural highway safety, fire prevention, livestock handling, lightning protection, electrical safety, and other safety problems.

The Chapter also prepared 68 newspaper articles dealing with farm safety which were printed by five area newspapers; maintained four large highway signs at approaches to the town, carrying the theme, "Courtesy Saves Lives", placed exhibits in the local bank and high school using the theme, "Seat Belts Save Lives" and sponsored two high school assemblies. Four members prepared safety speeches which were delivered before local and district groups.

The major accomplishment was the establishment of fire protection in the community. Two community meetings were called to inform citizens about the proposed fire district. Following community approval of the plans, the 17 chapter members circulated the fire district petitions.



The National FFA Band under the direction of Mr. R. Cedric Anderson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was a big hit. Often called the "mail order" band because the members are selected through correspondence. It represents approximately 40 States. Annually, through the same system of organizing, the band contributes much to the success and enjoyment of the national convention, as was the case this year.

Farm Proficiency Awards



First place Farm Proficiency Awards winners: Left to right — Rexford Tautfest, Marland, Oklahoma; Larry Hudkins, Raymond, Nebraska; Tom Bolin, Clarksville, Texas.

Livestock Farming

1st Place—

Rexford Tautfest, Marland, Oklahoma.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Robert C. Zylstra, Sibley, Iowa.....	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Rex David Born, Masontown, West Virginia.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Jerry Black, Clovis, New Mexico.....	\$200.00

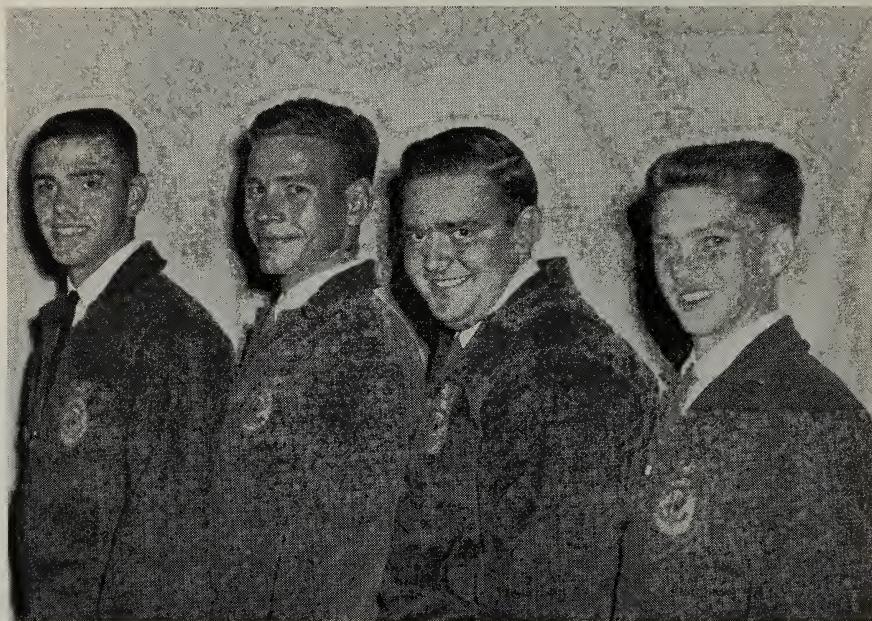
Soil and Water Management

1st Place—

Larry Dale Hudkins, Raymond, Nebraska.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Charles E. Sisler, Terra Alta, West Virginia.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Mike Stark, Polson, Montana.....	\$200.00
Southern Region—Jerry Lawrence, Bowling Green, Florida	\$200.00

Farm Electrification**1st Place—**

Tommy Bolin, Clarksville, Texas.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Douglas F. Weinke, Rockland, Wisconsin	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Arlo McPherson, Mars Hill, Maine	\$200.00
Pacific Region—David L. Hutchinson, Heber City, Utah	\$200.00



First place Farm Proficiency Awards winners: Left to right—James Rider, Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania; Charles Holmberg, Erick, Oklahoma; Robert Lee Wright, III, Cordele, Georgia; Leon Zimmerman, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.

Farm Mechanics**1st Place—**

James E. Rider, Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania	\$250.00
Central Region—Herb Stuthman, Columbus, Nebraska	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Robin Van Norman, Elko, Nevada	\$200.00
Southern Region—Marvin L. Agan, Clinton, Oklahoma	\$200.00

Crop Farming

1st Place—

Charles A. Holmberg, Erick, Oklahoma.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Keith Jay Chrisman, Mississinawa Valley, Ohio.....	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Paul R. Minck, Litchfield, Connecticut	\$200.00
Pacific Region—John Gingerich, Hubbard, Oregon.....	\$200.00

Farm Forestry

1st Place—

Robert Lee Wright, III, Cordele, Georgia.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Robert Lee Anderson, West Plains, Missouri	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Roger Beaulieu, Presque Isle, Maine	\$200.00

Poultry Farming

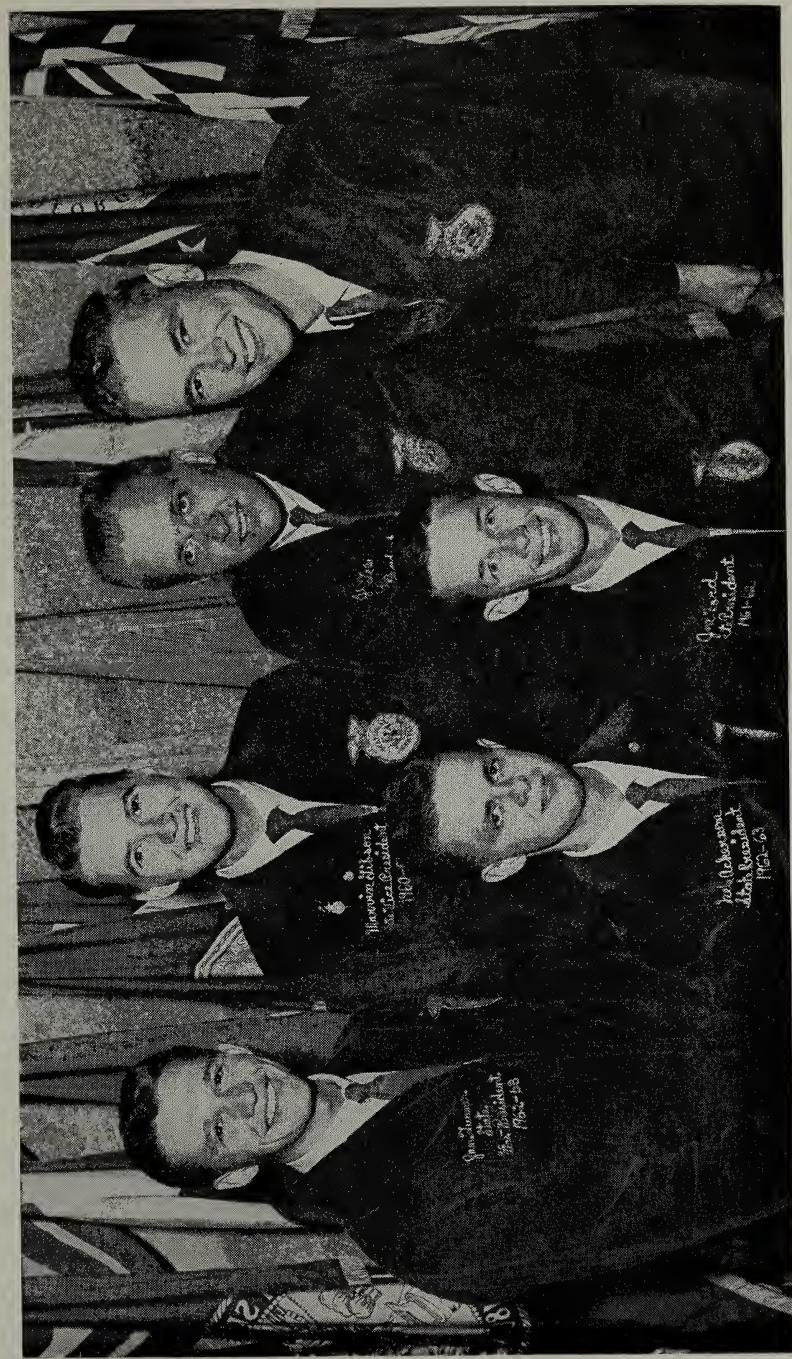
1st Place—

Leon J. Zimmerman, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Dwain McNabb, Owingsville, Kentucky	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Billy Dean Smith, Barstow, California	\$200.00



Newly-elected National FFA Officers and the National Band lead the American Royal Parade.





NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS — 1963-1964

Seated, left to right: Nels Ackerson, President, Westfield, Indiana; Jon Ford, Student Secretary, Helena, Oklahoma. *Standing, left to right:* Jan Turner, Pacific Vice President, Morgan, Utah; Marvin Gibson, Southern Vice President, Maryville, Tennessee; James Teets, North Atlantic Vice President, Terra Alta, West Virginia; Joseph Coyne, Central Vice President, Minooka Illinois.

In Appreciation . . .

Many persons made valuable contributions to the outstanding success of the 1963 National Convention of Future Farmers of America. Organizing and conducting such an event is a cooperative activity embodying the work of leaders from many segments of the FFA, and by many persons outside our organization.

Special commendation is due all members who attended the convention. Their conduct in Kansas City was exemplary of the fine tradition that "The Future Farmer Is Always a Gentleman." The impression that each FFA member imparts to others determines the respect that is accorded the organization.

The national officers are to be congratulated for the fine job they did in conducting the convention. Thanks are due to the members and local advisors; to the Courtesy Corps members who provided aid and timely advice to those when needed; to the ushers who gave excellent and valuable assistance maintaining order, greeting and seating guests; to the members and leaders of the National FFA Band and FFA Talent Show, whose untiring work contributed substantially to the interest and "change of pace" in the convention program; to the fine guest speakers; to the foreign guests; to the State advisors, executive secretaries, teacher educators and others who helped with the many program details, committee work, contests and awards program.

There was excellent representation by individuals in the areas of radio, television, newspapers and farm magazines.

The State exhibits continue to improve in quality, and should result in an improved program of activities for National FFA Week in 1964.

Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and entertainment were provided by several business and industrial concerns to delegates, award winners and special invited groups. The Kansas City Advisory Committee provided valuable assistance. The largest representation of Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc., at the national convention denotes great interest and support on the part of adult leaders in farm youth.

To all of these we are grateful.

FFA MOTTO:
Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Earning to Live
Living to Serve